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## *Our Legislative Program*

The 1925 General Assembly of Indiana will convene in Indianapolis in January for the biennial two months session. With the appointment of Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl of Muncie, as legislative chairman, by Mrs. W. T. Barnes, state president, the Indiana League of Women Voters has taken the initial and important step in perfecting a strong working organization for legislative work. Mrs. Earl is well qualified to take the leadership of this most important committee. She has been a constructive force for years in different Indiana women's organizations, and women have come naturally to look to her for leadership. Mrs. Earl has taken an active part in different organizations in the state and has held important offices in these organizations, but perhaps her interest in library work has been of outstanding importance. She was influential in securing the first library commission in Indiana, and since the establishment of such a commission, has served continuously on the commission. Each succeeding Governor has reappointed Mrs. Earl, and now she is the president of the commission. She also has become recognized nationally as an expert along the lines of library work and has held national offices in different library organizations. At the present time, Mrs. Earl is a director of the State League, and chairman of the State Committee on International Co-operation to Prevent War.

"The watchword of the work for the coming session of the legislature will be 'Keep and enforce the legislation we already have secured,'" Mrs. Earl stated in accepting the chairmanship of the legislative committee. The laws placed on the statute books of Indiana, through the efforts of the League of Women Voters are the State School Attendance-Child Labor Law, the law creating a State Probation Department, the Equal Guardianship Law, the acceptance by Indiana of the Federal Maternity and Infancy Act, and the consequent matching of state and national appropriations, and the strengthening of the Board of Children's Guardians Law, so that worthy impoverished mothers are enabled to keep their children in their own homes, under the supervision of the court. During the 1923 session of the legislature, a sustained and bitter fight was made upon the State School Attendance Department and the State Probation Department, and this fight, no doubt, will be continued in the coming session.

The many agencies in the state which are vitally interested in the passage of the Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Constitution, already are working to secure its ratification in the next legislature. Much interest was exhibited in the recent visit of Mr. Owen Lovejoy, secretary of the National Child Labor Amendment, to Indiana. The Legislative Council of Indiana, after they adopted the Child Labor Amendment as one of the major measures on their legislative program, brought Mr. Lovejoy to Indiana the first week in December. Through the action of the Board of Directors, the Indiana League of Women Voters is to co-operate with the Legislative Council and the other state organizations in this work.

Other bills of interest to the League will be introduced in the legislature. The county unit bill of school government, which the Indiana Parent-Teacher organization has taken as its one measure actively to sponsor, has been endorsed by two state conventions of the Indiana League, and is one of the most important questions to be decided in the session. Through a committee of representative Republican men and women in the state, a "fifty-fifty" bill, designed to give women representation in the political parties, will be introduced. While this proposed bill is not the "fifty-fifty" bill which was drafted and sponsored by the League during the 1923 session, still much interest is felt among League members in the proposed bill. The State League always has maintained that the changed status of women when given the right to vote, entitled women to equal representation with men in the party organizations.

A pending amendment to the state constitution of Indiana, which passed the last session of the Legislature, is also of interest to women voters. Under the present system only male voters are enumerated, while under the proposed amendment, the method of enumeration will be changed, and women voters also will be included in the enumeration.

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## A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE.

With the approach of the legislative session, it is perhaps well for the Indiana League of Women Voters to take stock of the legislation already secured and the results obtained. "A stitch in time saves nine" has become an appropriate proverb to illustrate the attitude of the Indiana League in regard to the safeguarding of the health—moral, mental and physical— of our Indiana children. Perhaps unique in its stand, the members of the League have felt keenly the responsibility of the legislation they have been successful in placing upon the statutes. Through the local leagues, the practical enforcement of these laws has been observed. As the result of this observation, extending over four years in the case of the State School Attendance Department, the State Probation Department and the Equal Guardianship Law, and over two years in regard to the acceptance of the Maternity and Infancy Act in Indiana, and the so-called Mother's Aid Law, a law which strengthened the Board of Children's Guardian Law, and made possible the care of poor children in their own homes, when the homes were desirable,—the general concensus of opinion is very strongly in favor of working to retain these fine preventive measures. Officers of the State League and the thousands of individual members over the state feel that our laws, for they are the laws of the League of Women Voters in every sense of the word, actually have accomplished what they were designed to accomplish, namely: the saving of our Indiana children. With the compilation of figures from the departments which handle the enforcement of these laws, has come confirmation that not only have the children been benefitted, but the taxpayers have been saved an appreciable amount of money. It costs money to keep children in institutions, and since the number of children committeed to state and county institutions is declining steadily under the operation of these laws, less money annually is being spent in the maintenance of these institutions. In this way, the State Probation Department is saving far more than its yearly appropriation to the State of Indiana, because of the fewer commitments to the Indiana Boys School and the Indiana Girls School. The records of individual counties show remarkable savings in county expenditures for the same reason.

Illiteracy, always a burden on the resources of any state, is being largely eradicated in Indiana, under the working of the State School Attendance Department, and at least an eighth grade education given to the children of the state.

With the increased budget provided by the National Maternity and Infancy Act, the Child Hygiene Division of the State Board of Health has been enabled to do more effective work than ever before. The death rate of infants under one years of age, and of mothers in child birth, is steadily, although gradually, decreasing. The interest aroused in the state by county clinics, lectures, charts, examinations and literature culminated in "Better Baby Week," which was held in September in connection with the state fair. Prizes were offered to the children with the most perfect records in their physical examinations.

To the surprise of many, the "Mother's Aid" bill also has effected actual savings in county expenditures. The mothers helped by the bill have been able, in many cases, to maintain their homes on a smaller per diem allowance than would have been granted to keep the children in institutions. Actual practice has proven that it is much better for the children to stay in their own homes, when suitable, than to be institutionalized.

Altogether, the members of the League of Women Voters should feel that they have given

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## THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Indiana is to be represented in the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, which will be held in Washington by Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, chairman of the Committee on International Co-operation to Prevent War, of the Indiana League of Women Voters and Mrs. Charles Teetor of Hagerstown, sixth district chairman of the League. The conference has been called by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who will be the general chairman of the meeting, with the co-operation of eight of the largest national women's organizations, including the American Association of University Women, General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Council of Jewish Women, National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, National League of Women Voters, National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations.

From January 18-24 the conference will study the question of war, first taking up the causes of war, overpopulation, imperialism, economic rivalries, mass psychology for war. The cures of war will be discussed for the latter part of the conference, including studies of the existing international organizations for peace.

"The Protocol of Geneva and American Foreign Policy," is the subject of the address to be given by Dr. James T. Shotwell, which will be especially timely. In view of the fact that the Protocol is the first serious attempt to outlaw war, the subject will be much in the public mind during the next few months.

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Mrs. W. H. Myers of Hammond, in the recent death of her husband, has suffered a bereavement which has called forth expressions of sympathy from her many friends in the Indiana League of Women Voters. Mr. W. H. Myers, assistant treasurer of Lake County, died on November 20. Besides the widow, there are four children in the immediate family. Through her unswerving loyalty to the League, her good judgment and fine poise, Mrs. Myers has endeared herself to all the women with whom she has come in contact, and the deepest sympathy is felt for her in her trouble.

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The January number of the Woman Voter has shrunk to a four-page edition. In view of the plan to publish numerous legislative bulletins, giving exact and up-to-the-minute information on the legislative measures which the League is sponsoring, it was deemed wise to cut down the size of this edition.

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Judge H. H. Loring spoke on "Simplification of State Government," at the meeting of the Valparaiso League, held on December 15. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Eugene Parker. Because of the timely topic of the address, in consideration of the coming inauguration of the state officers, much interest was exhibited in the address. A musical program was provided.

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The Stroh League, Miss Jessie Pierce, president; Mrs. Clara Langley, secretary, met at the home of Mrs. M. L. Clark. The subjects discussed at the meeting were the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution, and the County Unit System of School Government. The League voted to buy $50 of books to start a public library. Tea was served.

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The Newburg League at its meeting December 15, discussed Mrs. Catt's lecture "Men, Women and Politics," and heard the report of Judge Ben Lindsey's talk before the Teachers' Federation. The regular topics for the meeting were also a part of the program.

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to the State of Indiana a worthwhile and constructive program of social betterment, and should face the New Year with clear-cut intention to fight for the maintenance of these laws with every resource at their command. When saving of the children of Indiana, mentally, morally and physically, is coupled with actual savings to the taxpayers, there is no longer reason to doubt the wisdom and the foresight of the legislative work of the League of Women Voters.

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# News of the Branch Leagues

The Vincennes League of Women Voters held an interesting meeting in the home of Mrs. H. A. Oliphant, December 9. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Edward Watson, Mrs. Cora Davis, Mrs. E. N. Beckes and Mrs. L. N. Lucur. Mrs. W. A. Cullop, president, presided; Miss Katheryne McIlvaine led in prayer, a quartette gave Christmas songs, and Miss Ethel Jean Bowers gave readings. Mrs. Samuel Lyons, who has just returned from Europe, gave a travelogue. Christmas refreshments were served.

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The December meeting of the Frankfort League was held at the home of Mrs. Paul Meifeld on the evening of December 8. The speakers were Mr. Truman Goldsberry and Mr. Jesse Heavilon.

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Miss Frances Donelly entertained the executive board of the Michigan City League with a dinner December 8. The regular monthly business meeting was held and plans were made for a large December meeting.

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The South Bend League of Women Voters entertained the Optimist Club Tuesday, December 9, at the Y. W. C. A. The Rev. J. B. Rosemurgy of St. Paul's Memorial Methodist Church, choose as the title of his address, "My Travels Abroad." A violin solo was played by M. Jay Walz, accompanied by Ralph Miller. Miss Olive White gave several entertaining readings. Mrs. S. O. Mueller presided.

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On Monday evening, December 15, the Little Theatre Department of the Elkhart League of Women Voters held an interesting meeting at the club house of the League. Professor Ralph Dennis, dean of the School of Speech of Northwestern University, gave a dramatic recital of "Sacred Ground" by Giacossa, and also a reading by Leonard Merrick. Miss Catherine Bower is the chairman of the Little Theatre Department.

Professor Aura Smith of Evansville College, spoke before the Evansville League of Women Voters Monday noon, December 8. Professor Smith chose as the topic of his address, "Representative Government." He deplored the fact that people generally vote for the party or the man and not for the ideals which they wish turned into concrete form and passed as laws of the country. Miss Margaret Dice gave the invocation, and Miss Maurine Bailey gave a group of readings. A discussion of the World Court and the Child Labor Amendment followed. The hostesses for the luncheon meeting were Mrs. L. R. Halvorsen, Mrs. Laura DeGaris, Mrs. James Saunders, Mrs. W. J. Lettice, Mrs. Anna Bryant and Mrs. Matt Foster.

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The Tippecanoe County League of Women Voters devoted its December luncheon meeting to a discussion of local health problems in harmony with its policy of giving attention to matters bearing directly on the welfare of the home community, as well as upon the state and nation. Dean Stanley Coulter of Purdue University gave the address of the afternoon, taking for his title, "The Citizens and the Community." A representative from the Red Cross, the Tippecanoe County Tuberculosis Association and the Flower Mission gave reports of their activities during the past year, and their plans for the coming year. A discussion of health problems followed.

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Mrs. J. O. Pierce opened her home for the meeting of the Portland League of Women Voters, held December 9. Plans were made to plant a tulip tree on the new school lawn, and Mrs. Gertrude Fulton, Mrs. H. R. Crebb and Mrs. J. O. Pierce were appointed as the committee to take charge of the planting. The members of the Portland League have taken up the study of Indiana, and one hundred questions have been prepared on the subject, ten to be studied at each meeting during the year.

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# CALL

to the

# *Sixth Annual Convention*

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The Board of Directors of the National League of Women Voters hereby calls the affiliated state Leagues and associate members to send delegates to the Sixth Annual Convention, to be held at Richmond, Virginia, from the 16th to the 22nd of April, 1925.

The months since our last convention have rounded out a full cycle of the experience of women as voters in all the states. By participation in the nominations, campaigns, and elections of the summer and autumn our sense of responsibility for the voting habit has been deepened and our understanding of the causes of non-voting has been quickened.

More recently the obligation to support needed legislation with abundant and tested facts has led us to consider with profound earnestness what kind of government public welfare requires.

The immediate common undertaking of great groups of women to seek and find the causes and the cure of war affords a means through common agreement of releasing new power in constructing the long road toward the common goal of abiding peace.

*THEREFORE,* the delegates of the state Leagues are called into convention to distill the essence of the year's informing experience:

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## A PLEA FOR THE PIONEER

(Mrs. Craig C. Miller, president of the Michigan League.)

We have at this convention been discussing ways, means and methods whereby to strengthen League work and arouse interest in governmental affairs among the indifferent women in our communities. Their consideration of these measures to accomplish our end is just and necessary, but my plea to you is never to permit in state conventions or local League units contemplation of these things to overshadow or dim the vision of the real purpose and goal of our organizations. This, to me, is to awaken in each individual woman such gratitude and love for our United States of America that she will gladly enter into the greatest service she can render her country today, namely, the holding of our government true to its own ideals as expressed in our Declaration of Independence.

We need to hold constantly in thought the inspiration of this ideal, for without vision all people perish. It is good for each one of us, ever and anon, to sit quietly down and ponder well our United States. It is good to go back to the first winter in Plymouth and to remember the sacrifices, the hardships, the fortitude and courage of those days, to hark back to the settlement of the Virginia tidewater lands, the faring forth over the Alleghenies and the conquering of the Middle West.

Our own Michigan forebears reclaimed this wonderful peninsula amid untold sacrifices, sufferings and bravery. Let us not forget. All the way through to the Pacific coast; the story of adventure, sacrifice and vision has been repeated and repeated. Our United States of America today at the height of material prosperity, did not just happen for our comfort and pleasure. It was wrought for us by thousands of noble men and women. Neither did our political equality just happen.

We must never forget, or permit the new voters to forget, the noble women who throughout the years bore scorn and social ostracism because of their stand for principle and right. Can we, in decent appreciation to all these men and women

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of the past, ever grumble of hard or discouraging days which may come to us in our League work? Must we not rather glory in the fact that we are a blessed army of pioneers working out a fuller, freer life in this dear land?

We are pioneers opening the channels for mature thought to go in unaccustomed ways. No pioneer work is ever easy. It is always hard, but it is also always glorious and will succeed when the goal to be obtained is held high and clearly in view. Our goal is good government, God's government.

## OUR REGION

The fourth region has been signally honored nationally. The new president of the National League is from the fourth region—Miss Belle Sherwin of Ohio. In addition, the region claims two other important national officers, Miss Julia Lathrop of Illinois, first vice-president, and Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser of Ohio, national secretary. The director of the fourth region, Mrs. William G. Hibbard of Winnetka, Illinois, and the secretary of the region, Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse, claim that the region is most advanced in many ways, that our legislation, our organization, our support of national measures and our finances are equal to or ahead of any other region in the country.

Since Mrs. Edwards' retirement from the National Board, Indiana has had no national officer to represent her, but as her contribution to the glory of the region, she still claims the voting record for 1924—first among all the states with the greatest number of citizens at the polls on November 4th.

## YOU ARE INVITED

A conference of the Teaching of History will be held under the auspices of the Chicago League of Women Voters Forum, The Association for Peace Education, and the Department of Education and Philosophy of the Chicago Women's Club, February 14, with the following lectures: "Historical Textbooks and International Differences," Donald R. Taft, Wells College; "The Teaching of World History," Charles W. K. Webster, University College of Wales; "Attempts to Control the Teaching of History in the Schools," Bessie L. Pierce, Iowa State University; and "Education and Nationalism," Carlton Hayes, Columbia University.

Indiana women are cordially invited to attend the conference. The morning session will be held at the Chicago Women's Club, Fine Arts Building; and the afternoon session in the Florentine Room of the Congress Hotel. The fifty cent registration fee covers both sessions.

# Your Business in the State Capital

When the members of the Indiana League of Women Voters wisely decided to base their legislative campaign for the 1925 General Assembly on the retention of the laws already secured by the League during the two previous sessions of the Legislature, all five of the laws were included in the program. However, there has been no attack upon the Equal Guardianship law, nor on the law to enable worthy indigent mothers to keep their children at home rather than place them in institutions. The appropriations for the Child Hygiene Division of the State Board of Health, which appropriations are matched by federal appropriations under the Maternity and Infancy Act do not seem to be in danger at the present time. But the State Probation and the State School Attendance Departments both are under fire.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DEPARTMENT

The first bill has been introduced against the School Attendance Department. House Bill No. 45 was introduced by Rep. Chrisney from Perry and Spencer counties and provides for "the abolishment of attendance officers of cities, counties and towns and gives their duties to marshals, police, township trustees and probation officers." If this bill should become a law, absence from school would become a criminal offence. Should the police administer this law, both parents and children would be recorded on court records as lawbreakers, regardless of the reasons for the cause of absence from school. A teacher would be reluctant to report absences of children under such circumstances and it would be difficult to maintain our present record of 98 per cent of Indiana's children of school age in school.

In view of this attack, it is gratifying to learn that Indiana ranks today fourth among the states in education instead of seventeenth and that the state school attendance law has been a large factor in obtaining the higher rating. Mr. Donald Dushane, in the current number of the Indiana Teacher shows that since the report on the national school situation in 1918 which gave Indiana seventeenth place, a marked improvement in the schools has taken place. As a result of the 1918 study many citizens became concerned over the condition of education in this state. Largely as a result of this agitation the legislature passed a resolution providing for a survey commission to make a thorough investigation of the schools of Indiana. The commission recommended the establishment of a state school attendance department. Members of the League of Women Voters sponsored such a law in 1921, with the result that the state school attendance department was created and has been functioning for four years.

"The shift of Indiana from seventeenth place to fourth place in the rank of states is worthy of an explanation. This change in Indiana's rank was not an accident nor the result of local initiative or leadership. It was a result of three carefully planned laws," according to Mr. Dushane. The three laws mentioned are the school attendance law, the minimum wage law, providing

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## STATE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

The special survey committee appointed by Governor Jackson soon after his election, has completed its report. Many drastic changes in departments, consolidation and regrouping of exisiting boards were recommended by the commission, composed of Arthur R. Baxter, Lawrence Cartwright and John Kipplinger. Among these changes the commission recommends that the state probation officer and the advisory juvenile committee be placed under the direction of the state board of charities as a new "Probation Division." Regarding this proposed change Mrs. Wilbur Templin, chairman of the State Child Welfare Committee, has the following to say:

"Prior to 1921 the work of the probation department was handled by the State Board of Charities. The Child Welfare Commission, appointed at the request of the 1919 General Assembly, after careful investigation, recommended a separate department for the handling of probation work, and its resultant greater success since the establishment of this department has been a matter of comment both inside and outside of the State of Indiana.

Summarizing the report of Mrs. Warrington on her department since its establishment brings out certain illuminating facts. Under the headings, "What it is," "Aims," "Methods of Work," "Results," "Combination of State Probation Departments with other state departments would be disastrous to effective probation work," the report gives a graphic picture of the work of the past four years. Being a department of supervision to secure the effective application and enforcement of the probation law throughout the state for both adults and juveniles, the department cooperates with and supervises the local probation officers of the state, prescribes their qualifications, and proves or disproves the appointments, and since the law creating the state department does not alter previous probation laws regarding local officers, the total expense involved is eight thousand dollars per year.

The ultimate aim of the department is a decrease in crime and a curtailment upon the making of criminals which will result in a material de-

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We, the Indiana League of Women Voters do hereby highly resolve:

1. That we will stop thinking how hard it is to raise money and proceed instead to raise it.

2. That we will give Finance an honored place in our year's program and will get every member into our corps of finance workers.

This is the resolution suggested by Miss Katharine Ludington, national treasurer, as a good way to start out the New Year in Indiana. "The national finance department has discovered, and reiterated to the point of boredom, perhaps, that there is enough money in the United States for the work of the League of Women Voters. Our lack is money raisers. Let us this year cast off this habit of fear and worry about finance and substitute common sense. Our finance troubles are mostly imaginary. They have their origin in the old enemy with a new name, the inferiority complex. We don't really respect ourselves of the work of the League enough to thing it worth giving money to."

Mrs. Alice Foster Mullins, state treasurer and chairman of the state finance committee, is in hearty accord with the ideas of Miss Ludington. With the appointment of Mrs. O. L. Andrews, who has recently moved to Indiana from Baltimore, an active finance drive has been launched for funds to carry on the legislative work. Through the contribution of Miss Eldena Lauter the finance committee has been enabled to send a letter to almost every individual membr of the League in the state, asking for additional contributions at this crucial time.

A second letter is contemplated. This letter is to go to men and women in the state who have not been so actively identified with the work of the League, but who believe in good citizenship enough to support an organization engaged primarily in carrying on the work of civic righteousness.

Every League in the state is urged to prepare such a list for its own community and send it to the finance committee, or state headquarters. And every League member is urged individaully to make a contribution to the state for legislative work immediately.

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crease in the institutional population of all of the and the Johnston home rule bill. A great deal of credit should be given to the initiative and public spirit of members of the teaching profession for the advancement in Indiana, and it should be gratifying to the Indiana League of Women Voters to feel that they have been closely assoicated with the efforts which have increased the standing of Indiana so materially.

## THE NEW NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Simeon H. Bing of Athens, Ohio, has accepted the chairmanship of the Committee on Child Welfare for the National League. A one time director of the Child Welfare Division of the Ohio Institute, chairman of Ohio's Child Welfare Committee, editor of the Ohio Woman Voter and chairman of her Local League, Mrs. Bing brings to the chairmanship fine technical command of her subject and practical League experience.

The resignation of Mrs. John J. O'Connor as Child Welfare chairman was reluctantly accepted by the National League. Mrs. O'Connor rendered distinguished service in helping to secure the passage of the Child Labor Amendment through Congress, and resigns because the activities which she sacrificed for the pressing demands of Congressional work, now demand her time and energy.

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Have you reported to state headquarters the results of your interviews with or letters to your Senators and Representatives? It is very important that this information be at headquarters. Were they in favor of keeping the state probation and the state school attendance departments in their present form? Were they for or against the Child Labor Amendment and the County Unit Bill?

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that $800 was the minimum to be paid a teacher state's correctional institutions and the making of useful citizens of what otherwise would be wastage.

In order to accomplish this aim a high type of local officer for the prevention of crime is neded in every community of the state—the office to be qualified by a knowledge of crime causes and of methods of prevention of crime and with some legal knowledge.

Under the title "Results" the following facts are brought out.

1. There has been an increase in the number of counties having a local probation officer from 39 to 60 counties, with a total of 92 probation officers.

2. There has been a decided change for the better in the personnel of the local officers.

3. A decrease in institutional expense in those counties having probation officers from $1000 to $9000 per year.

4. A decrease in the state correctional institutions for juveniles is shown. In the year of 1923 the number of boys committed to the Indiana Boys' School was 80 less than the previous year and the population of that school was the lowest it has been for many years. There has been a corresponding decrease in the Indiana Girls' School.

# WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING

Mrs. Helena Normanton, barrister of the Middle Temple, London, and honorary standing counsel of the Women's Unionist Organization of Great Britain, was the guest of honor at the Woman Juror Luncheon given by the New York League in New York City in January.

The Legislative Conference of the Ohio League with a membership made up in the same way as the annual State Convention, met in Columbus the two days following the convening of the General Assembly in January, to discuss bills relating to the general program of the League that would, it was expected, be introduced in the Assembly and to decide upon which bills effort should be concentrated.

Seven lectures were broadcast by radio from WCCO, Minneapolis, in January, by the Minnesota League, upon political subjects of state-wide interest.

The Hartford County League won the silver cup offered by the Connecticut League to the county having the highest record the past year.

Little Mothers Classes, Mothers Health Study Classes, Motherhood Correspondence Courses, "Well Baby Clinics," and the Employment of Public Health Nurses are the activities in West Virginia under the Shepherd-Towner Act.

The United League of Women Voters of Rhode Island has a Junior Unit at Brown University.

That every Wisconsin girl shall be educated for intelligent motherhood is the aim of the State Board of Health which has enlisted the co-operation of the Department of Public Instruction, Board of Vocational Education and the Board of Normal Regents. Miss Frances Perkins has been appointed the chairman of a special committee on immigration with Miss Julia Lathrop and Miss Edith Abbott as the other members of the committee, by Miss Belle Sherwin, the National League President.

"Foreign Affairs" was the subject of the third annual School of Politics held at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, January 14, 15 and 16. There was round table discussion and speeches on such subjects as: "Immigration Laws of the U. S.", John P. Johnson, Commissioner of Immigration of the Port of Boston; "International Trade and Peace Among Nations," Prof. F. W. Taussig; "Conscription of Thought in Time of War," Prof. Zechariah Chaffee.

# NEWS of the BRANCH LEAGUES

A speech by Mrs. William G. Hibbard, fourth regional director, on "Women's Share in Public Opinion," is to be broadcasted from the Sears Roebuck station at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, WLS, between 3:45 and 4:45, February 11th.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the board members of the Michigan City League, December 1, and the speaker at an open meeting later in the evening at which enthusiasm ran so high that over one hundred new names were added to the membership list of the League afterwards. Professor Day, of Purdue, spoke at the January meeting on the Child Labor Amendment.

Miss Helen Rogers Hand, State Executive Secretary, was the speaker at the January luncheon meeting of the Evansville League, her subject being "The Legislative Program of the League." Preceding the luncheon, Mrs. Lulu Halvorsen, the president, called a short meeting of the board of directors at which Miss Hand conducted an informal discussion concerning the relations of the State Office and the local Leagues.

Among the recent activities of the Elkhart League, following out its policy to do as much as possible for the young people of the city, was a reception and dance at the League Club House, in December, for the Elkhart High School state football champions and their friends. Earlier in the month, Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, president of the League, spoke at the Congregational church urging members of the community to honor their responsibility for their young people. The Little Theater Department of the League gave three playlets, January 26, and the League, to make money, held a card party, January 30. City zoning laws were considered at a recent meeting. The League is also getting out what promises, according to Mrs. Elsie Templin, Chairman of the State Child Welfare Committee, to be an interesting booklet on Child Welfare Work in Elkhart during the past year.

## "WHEN DO WE RATIFY?"

"Ratify the Child Labor Amendment!" is the cry of forty-five states this year. California has "gone over" and the League can well take the credit to itself as one of the prime factors in this ratification. Arizona and New Mexico have also joined the ranks of the "ayes." The states rejecting the amendment this year will be listed in a later issue of the "Voter."

The Second Annual Citizenship School of the South Bend League, in co-operation with Notre Dame University, will be held in February.

# News of the Branch Leagues

The Indianapolis League entertained with a luncheon January 26 in honor of Mrs. William G. Hibbard of Winnetka, Illinois, the fourth regional director, and Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse, fourth regional secretary. Mrs. S. E. Perkins, the president, presided. Mrs. George A. Van Dyke and Mrs. Ira M. Holmes had charge of arrangements. While in Indianapolis, Mrs. Hibbard was the house guest of Mrs. Albert J. Beveridge. The speaker at the January meeting of the League was Prof. Walter Bittner of the sociology department of Indiana University, who spoke on the proposed Child Labor Amendment. Mrs. Wilmer Christian had charge of the program. Mrs. Olive Belden Lewis was chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

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Last spring, the Stroh League voted to start a public library in the town. "Roscoe Coggeshal, the postmaster," says Miss Jessie Pierce, the president, "consented to keep the books in his building and act as librarian for the consideration of fifty dollars for one year." The books were to be donated. In October, because only about one hundred and fifty books had been given, the League voted to buy fifty dollars worth of popular fiction to give the library a better start. Older readers were remembered with such authors as James Oliver Curwood, Zane Grey and Peter B. Kyne, while the younger members of the community were considered in a list of fairy tales, and books by such authors as Cooper, Louisa M. Alcott, Stevenson and Kipling. The list also showed considerable variety as to modern and classical authors.

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Because one-fourth of the 3319 children in the schools of Carroll Conty were found to be underweight, the Carroll County League has arranged to have a nutrition worker come to the county for a month, starting January 20, to help the county nurse and the mothers of these children plan a nutrition program which will bring them back to health. The January meeting of the League was open to the public. Mr. Oswald Ryan of Anderson, was the speaker, his subject being "The Challenge to War." He discussed the World Court and other phases of international co-operation looking towards the prevention of war. Mrs. J. Reed McCain and Mrs. Jason Been sang.

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The December meeting of the Marion Township League was cancelled so that the League could accept the invitation of the Parent Teachers' Association to hear a lecture by Dr. Ada E. Schweitzer.

The care of the delinquent, the defective and the dependent, was the subject of the December meeting of the Columbus League. The discussion, led by Miss Vida Newsom, was based upon a list of twenty questions covering the subject.

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Legislation to be introduced in the present Legislature was the subject of the January meeting of the Newburgh League. Receiving especial attention were the bills for: state constabulary; more stringent Sunday regulations; the regulation of commercial automobiles; the county unit plan of school administration, and abolishing the state-wide Primary Election Law.

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A series of five weekly Saturday afternoon lectures and demonstrations which started January 10, under the supervision of Dr. Ada E. Schweitzer, director of the child hygiene department of the state board of health, assisted by a staff of qualified workers and a nurse, is being sponsored by the Jasper County League.

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A list of ten questions on Indiana was discussed at the January meeting of the Portland League. Mrs. Mont Miller gave a reading entitled, "A Wise Old Woman"; Mrs. B. M. Taylor reviewed "Political Preparedness for Women," by Cora Harris; and Mrs. H. V. Tormohlen and Mrs. Vaughn Stanton furnished the musical part of the program.

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The January meeting of the Vincennes League was held at the home of Mrs. C. B. O'Donnell with Mrs. T. B. Coulter and Mrs. Kixmiller of Bicknell acting as assistant hostesses.

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The Fairview League held its December meeting with Mrs. James Reese, and its January meeting with Mrs. Minnie Stevens of Mauzey. The legislative program of the state office was considered.

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The annual election of officers took place at the December meeting of the Decatur League, held at the Adams County Memorial Hospital with Miss Emilie Christ, the superintendent as hostess. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Bertha Heuer; first vice-president, Dr. Elizabeth Burns; second vice-president, Mrs. Jessie Burdg; secretary, Mrs. Fanny Dugan; assistant secretary, Mrs. Lula Swearinger; and treasurer, Mrs. Anna Nichols. Mrs. James Elberson, assisted by Mrs. L. E. Somers, had charge of the program.

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# CALL

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# *Sixth Annual Convention*

of the

# *Indiana League of Women Voters*

The Board of Directors of the Indiana League of Women Voters calls the branch Leagues throughout the state to send delegates to the Sixth Annual Convention, to be held at Terre Haute, May seventh and eighth, 1925.

The past year has been of especial significance to the women of Indiana interested in good government. The national, state and local campaigns and elections have demanded our participation as never before. We ourselves have voted and we have endeavored to arouse all citizens to the privileges extended them by the ballot.

The session of the General Assembly for 1925 made it necessary for us to fight for the excellent legislation procured by our efforts in the past. We again have had to back up our belief in the profound wisdom of prevention of crime and disease with proved and tested facts.

The ultimate goal of abiding peace has assumed more concrete form in our common efforts to find the causes and the cure of war.

But we have taken but one step along the road. Therefore, the delegates of the branch leagues are called into convention to take council together, in order:

That we may review the progress made during the years of our existence;

That we may plan together for the future, and by mutual help and inspiration, make our plans definite and practical;

That we may reaffirm our high ideals of unselfish patriotism which form the mainspring of our every action.

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## STATE PROBATION ABOLISHMENT BILL DEFEATED

ADAH E. BUSH

Senate Bill 166 abolishing the State Probation Department, State Probation Officer and the Juvenile Advisory Commission and transferring their duties to a "Probation Division" in the State Board of Charities has been defeated. To the League of Women Voters must go the credit for sounding the alarm and rallying the forces to bring about the defeat of the measure.

The roll call stood:

*In Favor of Abolishment*

Republicans:
Murray S. Barker, Thorntown
Delbert V. Blackburn, Evansville
Will Brown, Hebron
Denver C. Harlan, Richmond
Russell Harrison, Indianapolis
Rowland H. Hill, Carthage
Benj. R. Inman, Danville
Weldon Lambert, Columbus
C. Leroy Leonard, Warsaw

Democrats:
Chas. H. Batt, Terre Haute
Thos. H. Branaman, Brownstown
Walter S. Chambers, Newcastle
Jos. M. Cravens, Madison
Andrew E. Durham, Greencastle
C. Pralle Erni, New Albany
Ora C. King, Sweetzer
Jacob Lutz, Boonville
C. A. Perkins, South Bend
Robert B. Shirley, Woodburn
John Sweeney, Tell City

*Against Abolishment*

Republicans:
John S. Alldredge, Anderson
L. G. Bradford, South Bend
Howard A. Cann, Frankfort
Thomas A. Daily, Indianapolis
Fred M. Dickerman, Indianapolis
Monroe J. Fitch, Muncie

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## FROM THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

At the February Board meeting, Mrs. Earl began her brief report of the Washington Conference, "Oh, how proud I was of the women who represented the League of Women Voters!" The following article which appeared editorially in the Ohio Woman Voter merely corroborates her statement.

It is not granted to all of us to see ourselves as others see us but to Miss Sherwin and other leading stateswomen of the country, the *New Republic* for February 11th must have been interesting reading. Bruce Bliven, as lively a journalist as there is in the country, reports therein the Women's Conference on The Causes and Cures of War. He does not himself call it "The Catt Convention" but quotes one who does. He characterizes the women who directed the Convention with analogies which deserve to be immortalized.

He says: "There was Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, veteran of forty battlefields for equal rights, looking forward to forty more struggles for causes not less worthy, a woman with a mind like a nickel-plated dynamo and a personality which, if you insist on interpretation in masculine terms, is a combination of Gladstone and Savonarola, with a dash of Disraeli. . . . Miss Belle Sherwin of the National League of Women Voters with an intellect so cool and crystal clear that in its presence fuzzy-minded male statesmen shrivel up to nothing like salted slugs."

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William T. Quillen, Indianapolis
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Claude S. Steele, Knox

Democrats:
John C. Crosby, Huntington
James P. Davis, Kokomo
Earl W. Payne, Bloomington
Geo. L. Saunders, Bluffton

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| Republicans voting to abolish | 9 |
| Democrats voting to abolish | 11 |
| | 20 |
| Republicans voting against abolishment | 17 |
| Democrats voting against abolishment | 4 |
| | 21 |

Republicans not voting: Senators English, Holdeman, Martin, Penrod, Shank and Southworth.

Democrats not voting: Senators Easton, Harmon and Lochard.

If YOUR senator helped to win this victory let him know of your personal appreciation, and convey to him the thanks of the countless women of Indiana who believe that uniform enforcement of the probation laws is the safeguard of the youth of today and the citizens of tomorrow.

If YOUR senator was against us in this fight find out why—he may not have been fully informed concerning the importance of the public welfare work which his vote sought to abolish.

While the bill was not a partisan measure, it might be termed a "two party" bill, for its author was Senator King (Democrat) and its purport the recommendation of the Survey Committee (Republican) appointed by Governor Jackson. The Survey report paid tribute to the State Probation Officer in elevating the standard of the local probation officers but recommended abolishment and subsequent transfer to the State Board of Charities on account of overlapping work, as the Survey Committee viewed it. Apparently the Committee confused the *dependents* of the State Board of Charities with the *delinquents* of the State Probation Department, as there is no duplication such as the Survey report would indicate.

So the bill went down to defeat as it rightly should. It was not an easy victory, for misunderstandings, personal pique of officials who felt their prerogatives were being infringed upon, and lack of knowledge of what supervised probation work really is, all contributed to the opposition. Valiant work was done by senators who have personal knowledge of the importance of results accomplished and, above all, who believe in preventive action before the remedial becomes necessary. It was gratifying to the women who worked untiringly to preserve the present law to be told by more than one senator, "I'm against this bill, and my home judge is against it. We know what probation enforcement has done in our county, and what's been done there can be done in any county if local officials will co-operate toward that end."

Belief in uniform probation, knowledge of the good it is accomplishing, and a conscientious desire to save from destruction the most worthwhile work in the prevention of crime and criminal making that Indiana has ever undertaken, were the contributing factors to our success.

If it be true that a good citizen is worth $5,000 to his state, then Indiana's State Probation Department, if it cost $100,000 annually, would be an investment that would yield to the taxpayers munificent returns in good citizenship. But let's see what it actually does cost. The last annual report of Carina C. Warrington, State Probation Officer, shows:

*"A total of* 4,056 *cases of delinquent children handled for the fiscal year, only* 339 *of which were committed to any institution."*

That means 3,717 cases were handled by supervision in their own or other family homes in charge of the Probation Officer. Remember, this means a vast saving in institutional expense to say nothing of the vastly more important economy—the saving to the childhood of the state.

Further in the report appears the following illuminating item concerning adult probation, a phase of the State Probation Department's work which is not generally known:

*"In twenty-one counties using adult probation* 2,639 *adults were placed in charge of a probation officer and there was collected in fines and family-support money from these adults the sum of* $85,918.94."

This in a summarized form is the year's work of the State Probation Department for which the TOTAL YEARLY APROPRIATION WAS ONLY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Created in the General Assembly of 1921, this constructive welfare department, designed to salvage humankind, has been the subject of attack through the two succeeding legislative sessions. Both times the women have won, and we know now we will have to keep on fighting and winning until we convince the public, the courts and the lawmakers that PROBATION PAYS.

If this alone were the only record of accomplishment it would be justification enough to perpetuate the League of Women Voters. No matter what the individual political affiliation may be, the women of Indiana always will find a common ground for unity of action in educating and legislating for good citizenship.

## MRS. PARK IN INDIANA

Mrs. Maud Wood Park who has served as national president of the League of Women Voters for the past four years, may be in Indiana from April 5th to 11th. Under the auspices of the Committee for Interesting Young Persons, Mrs. Park will be offered to four of the educational institutions in Indiana for addresses during the week. Mrs. Park is just recovering from a serious breakdown due to her continuous devotion to League work and therefore is unable to give more than four addresses or to see her many friends in Indiana.

## NEW LITERATURE

New literature which has been received at headquarters during the month of February include the following:

Suggestions for Leaders for Child Labor Amendment Study Groups.

A Digest of the County Unit Bill.

Shall We Have a Membership Drive?

Jury Service for Women.

Citizenship Schools and Institutes of Government and Politics.

Equal Rights—How Not to Get Them.

Three Suggested Programs on Local Government, prepared by the National League for use by study groups.

Educational Measures and Law Enforcement Measures are two pamphlets issued by the Committee on Social Hygiene.

Co-Operative Societies, A Way Out for Consumers, is a brief review by Mrs. Costigan, chairman of the Living Costs Committee.

Women and the Labor Movement in America and Women and the International Labor Movement.

Know Your County.

The last named pamphlet is of great value, following as it does the general plan of the "Know Your Own Town" publication. Four sets of twenty questions cover the entire problem of county government, and Leagues will find many suggestions for programs in the questions.

The findings of the committees on the causes and on the cures of war, which resulted from the conference of nine women's organizations held in January, may be obtained from Miss Josephine Schain, 1010 Grand Central Terminal Building, New York. A single copy will be sent free if a two cent stamp is enclosed. A hundred copies may be secured for one dollar. The address made by President Coolidge to the conference is also ready for distribution and inquiries concerning it may be made of Miss Schain. The reports of the three Indiana women who attended the conference, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Mrs. Wm. Ehrich and Mrs. Charles Teetor, are being prepared and will be on file in the state office of the Indiana League.

## IF YOU ARE GOING TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Write to State Headquarters for information and the folder on the National Convention Announcements unless you already have received one. The Advance Outline of the Convention Program reads like the recipe for your Grandmother's prize plum pudding—only the best of everything is used, but there is something of everything good included. The only way to satisfy yourself is to try it—in Richmond.

## THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Jasper County League of Women Voters will be hostess for the Tenth District Conference which will be held in Rensselaer on Tuesday, March 17th. All League members and their friends are cordially invited to be present. Please notify Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross, Rensselaer, the number of women coming from your community. Miss Adah E. Bush, of Indianapolis, state secretary, will be one of the principal speakers on the interesting program which has been prepared by Mrs. Parkinson, Tenth District Chairman.

The quilt and coverlets exhibit held under the auspices of the Jasper County League, at Rensselaer, proved of great interest. More than two hundred women attended the exhibit and card playing and the Carr Orchestra added to the occasion. Prizes were awarded to the oldest, the most interesting and the most beautiful quilts and coverlets, and many valuable pieces were on display. It will be of interest to other Leagues wishing to arrange exhibits of their own to know that almost one hundred dollars was cleared by the event.

The Cedar Lake League met at the home of Mrs. Otto A. Meyer, January 22nd. Mrs. F. Kelley, president, presided. After the reading of League papers, the State School Attendance and the State Probation departments were discussed, and the members of the League voted endorsement of the departments in their present form.

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# News of the Branch Leagues

The joint meeting of the Bloomington League of Women Voters and the Vayinger W. C. T. U. held at the city library was devoted to a discussion of the state probation department and the state school attendance department. Mrs. Walter Greenough, first vice-president of the State League, outlined the result accomplished by the departments during the four years of their existence. Preceding the meeting a luncheon at the country club was held, attended by the executive officers of the organizations sponsoring the meeting.

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At a recent meeting of the Frankfort League, Mrs. Paul Meifeld was re-elected president, Mrs. H. C. Sheridan, vice-president; Miss Mabel Love, secretary, and Mrs. Joseph Agnew, treasurer. The executive board included the officers and Mrs. George Russell, Dr. Ella McNicoll, Mrs. Bergen Applegate, Mrs. P. C. Corbett, Mrs. Frank Mersch, Mrs. Tom Devaney, Mrs. John H. Roush and Mrs. Will Fisher.

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The city building was selected as the meeting place for the meeting of the Princeton League. Mr. Prentice Duncan made an address on "The County Unit Plan" and Mrs. Christine Cunningham talked on legislative work.

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The Delphi League held its monthly meeting on the evening of February 3rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kerlin. Mrs. Frank Lyon gave a report of the legislative work, Mrs. A. C. Clauser gave a discussion of the Treaty of Disarmament Security, proposed by Dr. James T. Shotwell, and Mrs. Joseph Clark made an explanation of the proposed conscription amendment.

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Miss Helen Rogers Hand, executive secretary of the Indiana League of Women Voters, was the principal speaker at the annual luncheon of the Brookville League. Pending legislation was discussed by members of the League present.

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Among the many activities of the South Bend League of Women Voters the evening meeting on February 4th with Miss Anna Fitzgerald of Chicago, as the principal speaker, created wide spread interest. Miss Fitzgerald, who is president of the Women's Union Label League and editor of their journal, chose as her subject, "The Woman Who Toils." The education committee of the South Bend League conducted the second session of the citizenship school at the Y. M. C. A. late in January. Mrs. Earl Hummer, legislative chairman, gave a report of the bills intrdouced in the legislature. "The American Citizen" was the subject discussed by Rev. John M. Francis, rector of St. James Episcopal church. Mrs. C. W. Boucher of Valparaiso, discussed "The Relation of Women to Government." The League also will sponsor Music Week in South Bend, May 3rd to 9th, according to plans announced by Mrs. L. S. Fickenscher, president.

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The activities of the Elkhart League has covered a wide range during the past month. The exhibit of paintings from Brown County artists, held under the auspices of the visual education department resulted in several sales in Elkhart. The exhibit ended with a large meeting. Miss Ruth Kelly, teacher of art in the Elkhart High School, gave an interesting address, illustrating her remarks with the paintings in the exhibit. Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, president of the League, entertained the 20 members of the board of directors at a luncheon, February 7th. The luncheon was given to celebrate the birthday of the formal opening of the club house. Mrs. Wilbur Templin, Child Welfare Chairman for Indiana, procured resolutions against the proposed change of the State Probation Department from several organizations. Dr. Edna Hatfield Edmondson, executive secretary of the Indiana Child Welfare Association, spoke before the Elkhart League, February 16th, reviewing the excellent results accomplished in Indiana and outlining the work of the future. The meeting was under the auspices of Mrs. Templin's department.

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Thursday, February 19th, the Bluffton League held a dinner at the G. A. R. hall. The proposed Child Labor Amendment was discussed by Judge Gordon. Dillon Myers presented "City Beautiful Plans and Problems." Legislative work was reported upon.

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# News of the Branch Leagues

The February meeting of the Portland League was held at the home of Miss Gertrude Gilpin. Mrs. E. A. Ross gave an interesting talk on "Child Labor" and the "Life of Lincoln" was discussed. Miss Gertrude Gilpin, Mrs. Charles Arbaugh and Miss Estelle Taylor were named as the committee having the legislative work in connection with the retention of the State Probation Department, in charge. Judge R. D. Wheat of the Jay County Circuit Court, expressed himself as being in hearty sympathy with the work of the probation department.

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The Aurora League met at the home of Mrs. Harry Von Luhrte. Two excellent papers on legislation sponsored by the Indiana League were read by Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Thomas J. Ewing.

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Legislation was the basis of the program of the Michigan City League at the evening meeting held at the Spaulding Hotel. Miss Pauline Parr, local probation officer, and Professor O. H. Day of Purdue University, were the principal speakers. The executive board met with a dinner at the home of Mrs. W. C. Haviland, February 5th. Every member of the board of directors was present at the meeting.

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All of the members of the Fairview League of Women Voters attended the recent meeting held at the home of Mrs. Ora I. Stephens. Mrs. A. J. Britt, president, presided, and the local affairs were in charge of Mrs. James Rees. Mrs. J. F. Walthers gave an interesting report on the League legislation, Mrs. E. J. Murphy spoke on the "Woman's Page in Politics," and Mrs. Earl Ruff led the study of "Parliamentary Law."

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Resolutions favoring the the retention of the state school attendance and the state probation departments were passed by the Hammond League at a recent meeting at the home of Grace Conroy. A legislative program was arranged by the president, Mrs. D. J. Moran.

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The program of the Columbus League for their February meeting was based on the subject in the questionaire "Know Your Own Town" which the League has been following. The question of "Streets, Transportation and Public Utilities" was taken up by Mr. David T. McNaughton, manager of the Columbus Interstate Public Service Company. Miss Vida Newsome gave a talk commemorating the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. Eldora M. Raleigh was elected president, Mrs. Dorcas Curtis, first vice-president; Mrs. Cynthia Hall, second vice-president; Mrs. Ange Willett, secretary; Miss Lena Frank, treasurer; Mrs. Aurilla Hopkins, custodian by the Newburg League at the February meeting. Legislative bills pending in the General Assembly which were of interest t othe League women, were discussed.

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The Stroh League, at the meeting held at the home of Miss Jessie Pierce, elected Mrs. Opal Perkins, president; Mrs. Jay Langley, vice-president; Miss Jessie Pierce, secretary, and Mrs. Grace Andrews, treasurer.

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The hostess for the February meeting of the Jasper League was Mrs. Robert E. Eckert. Mrs. Wm. A. Wilson and Mrs. Eckert gave a review of the legislative work, Mrs. T. H. Dennis sang and Mrs. G. E. Norman read several modern poems.

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The regular monthly luncheon of the Tippecanoe County League was held February 12th. Mr. Allison E. Stuart addressed the League on "Lincoln." Dr. Albert Ross talked on the proposed centennial celebration.

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Superintendent of Schools C. W. Boucher and Mrs. Arthur Hughart, president of the board of Education spoke on vital school problems before the Valparaiso League. The meeting was held February 16th at the home of Mrs. Niles Fisher.

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More than one hundred representative citizens attended the dinner given under the auspices of the Terre Haute League of Women Voters in honor of Mr. Owen Lovejoy, secretary of the national child labor committee. Mrs. F. H. Nosler, president, introduced Mr. Lovejoy, who assured his hearers that the fight had only begun for the Child Labor Amendment. After the dinner, Mr. Lovejoy spoke at the Open Forum at the First Congregational church.

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The Evansville League held the February meeting with Mrs. William Ehrich, who had just returned from the Washington conference on the "Causes and Cure of War," as the speaker. Mrs. J. W. Torrance addressed the meeting and Mr. Paul Harmon and Mrs. Stone Williams provided the musical program.

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"Propaganda and Politics" was the subject of the most interesting address given by Professor Howard E. Jensen before the Indianapolis League, Friday, February 6th. Miss Georgia Alexander introduced Professor Jensen.

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## High Lights of the State Convention

ON TO TERRE HAUTE, MAY 7th AND 8th

The fifth annual convention of the Indiana League of Women Voters will be held in Terre Haute, May 7th and 8th. Plans are being perfected whereby all civic, business and social organizations are combining to prepare a real welcome to the Indiana women attending the convention. From present indications, this attendance will set a new record for League conventions. All roads in the state will lead to the convention city, and already many have indicated that they are planning to fill their cars for the trip.

The program committee is able to assure the League membership that no effort will be spared to provide an inspirational and well balanced program. With Judge Florence Allen of Ohio, as the speaker for the banquet on Friday night, those who attend the convention will be given the opportunity of hearing one of the most brilliant as well as one of the most successful women in the United States. Judge Allen has been thinking deeply for years along lines that always have been vital in the plan of work of the National League, and her message, therefore, will be of special interest to us. The name of the speaker for the Thursday evening mass meeting can not be announced at this time, but a speaker of national prominence will address the convention on the subject of Citizenship.

The sessions during the day will be devoted to work already accomplished and to the work to be accomplished during the coming year. It will be a "delegate's convention," with time for discussion at every session. Mrs. W. T. Barnes, our state president, has felt for a long time that the conventions of the League could be made more valuable if every woman who attended, came with the intention of talking as well as listening. The sessions will take up various phases of the plan of work. When the chairmen of committees make their reports, they will endeavor to make them concise and to the point. Constructive publicity will be discussed Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon, after the presentation of the plan of work, finance will be the subject of general discussion. Friday morning organization and membership drives will be the main topic, and Friday afternoon programs for League meetings and future legislative plans will hold the interest of the delegates.

During the discussions, it is the desire of those conducting the Round Table that problems be freely brought forward for exchange of ideas, but that this be done only in a constructive manner. Some of the questions in the minds of League members who have been actively engaged in carrying on the work of local Leagues are:

What has been your most successful League meeting?

How have you raised your ten dollar units for your state quota?

What methods have you used for increasing your membership?

Have you been successful in sponsoring a local civic project?

Would the appointment of a chairman of civics in every club in your community to co-operate with your League be an advantage?

Have you developed interesting study programs?

How much did you increase the vote in your community? Can you be equally successful in the coming primaries and elections?

In the light of your recent legislative experiences, what plans do you think should be made in a legislative way for the coming two years?

These questions, and others like them, will be brought up, and the interchange of ideas regarding them should be most helpful.

The outstanding League events, both national and state, will be stressed briefly. The legislative work, the Washington conference on the Causes and Cures of War, the National League convention at Richmond, the different Citizenship Institutes, The Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign will have places on the program.

Also, the aspects of the League work of interest to the general public will not be neglected. The truth that the League has developed into a powerful agency for the molding of public opinion having become more apparent recently, this important phase of the work will receive consideration. It is the present plan to secure one of the best speakers in the state on the subject and follow his address with definite suggestions. Future legislative work, with reference to the pending amendments to the constitution of the State of Indiana, especially noting the enumeration amendment, will be considered.

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## ENUMERATION AMENDMENT

A letter received at State Headquarters from Senator William E. English, says in part:

"The women of the Indiana League are to be congratulated on the satisfactory results of their work against this bill (S. B. 166) and should now buckle on their armor in behalf of the pending amendment to Article IV of the Constitution which removes from the Constitution the outrageous discrimination against women that still remains in that document. It is very difficult to arouse the people to proper interest in amendments to the Constitution and the women of the state from now on until the general election of 1926 should battle unceasingly for the adoption of this amendment. I know of no better agency to lead in this fight than the League of Women Voters. It is a cause worthy of your best efforts and is not only a measure of justice to Indiana women, but also to the Indiana taxpayer, as its adoption will save to the latter some $100,000.00 every six years."

This pending amendment, of which Mr. English writes, is the Enumeration Amendment, in which League members took so great an interest during the last Legislature. The amendment has passed the necessary two sessions of the General Assembly and will be submitted to the people for vote at the 1926 election.

Local Leagues are urged to study this amendment carefully and send their delegates to the State Convention prepared to vote on the question of whether the League shall make the ratification of this amendment its major business in 1925-26.

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Professor W. W. Black of the education department of Indiana University, spoke on "Indiana's Rural School Problem" before the Bloomington League at their March meeting.

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The Vincennes League held its March meeting at the Grand Hotel. Mrs. W. A. Cullop, president, gave a very interesting report of the inaugural cermonies and social functions following the inauguration of President Coolidge.

## PRIMARIES—MAY 5

This is the year for city elections. This means that there will be primary elections on May 5 for mayor, city judge, common council, city clerk and city treasurer. Are you ready for the primary?

What are you as an individual and as a League member doing to secure the nomination of candidates who will give your city an efficient administration during the next four years?

Local elections are the most vital elections of any that are held—yet often they are the most neglected. Upon this election depends the physical, mental and moral welfare of you and your family. The officials to be elected this fall from the candidates nominated on May 5th, have it in their power to make your city a safer, better and more wholesome place to live.

Failure to vote at city elections is as inexcusable on the part of any citizen as is the failure to report a fire in a school building when it is occupied.

The Indiana League of Women Voters recommends your participation in the spring primaries (and fall elections) as a splendid tonic for general political indifference, disgust with "things" as they are, and an earnest desire to see the Home Town fulfilling its proper mission.

Vote in the primaries on May 5, then be in Terre Haute by 9:30 on Thursday morning, May 7th, at the opening session of the State Convention.


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## CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Convention Headquarters

Convention headquarters will be on the second floor of the Hotel Deming at Terre Haute.

### Registration

The Registration Bureau for the presentation of credentials will be located on the second floor of the hotel.

A Registration Fee of $1.00 will be charged all delegates and alternates at the Registration Desk. Desk.

### Credentials

Credentials will be issued from State Headquarters at Indianapolis to each state officer and director, each district, county and township chairman, and each chairman of a State Standing Committee, all of whom have votes in the annual convention by virtue of their offices. Headquarters will issue credentials also to the head of each organized township, precinct or local league for the number of delegates to which they are entitled. (Each organized league is entitled to one delegate for the first five memberships on which dues have been paid to the State and to an additional delegate for each ten memberships so paid, and for alternates' credentials for the same number). The League Chairman will then issue these credentials to the qualified delegates and alternates.

Dues must be received at Indianapolis not later than April 17 if credentials are to be issued in time for the convention. Send to the State Office 1410 Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

### Admission to Sessions

Admission to sessions will be by badge only—delegate, alternate, visitor or press. Visitors may register and receive badges which will admit them to seats in the rear of the hall or the balcony.

The Bureau of Information will be located at the entrance to the Convention Hall.

### Hotels

Delegates and visitors are requested to make their hotel reservations directly with the hotel managements. They are advised to enclose the amount of one day's room rent with reservations. The leading Terre Haute hotels and their rates are as follows:

Hotel Deming (Convention Headquarters): Double room with bath, $4.50 to $5.50, single room with bath, $3.00; double, no bath, $4.00 to $4.50; single, no bath, $2.50 to $3.00. Storage Garage.

Terre Haute House: Double with bath, $4.00 to $5.00; single with bath, $2.50 to $3.00; double, no bath, $2.50; single, no bath, $1.50 to $2.00.

Filbeck Hotel: Double with bath, $4.00; single with bath, $2.50; double, no bath, $2.50; single, no bath, $1.50.

Hotel Tuller: Double with bath, $3.50 to $4.00; single with bath, $2.00 to $3.00; double, no bath, $1.50 to $2.50; single, no bath, $1.00 to $2.00.

## MAY DAY

May Day is Child Health Day. Will it mean that to the children in your community? Child Health Day is to be observed throughout the country this year, the object being to have every child registered with the State Child Hygiene Department and a report of the progress of its health kept in a card catalogue at that office. Application Blanks for registration of your own or other children may be had by applying to Dr. Ada E. Schweitzer, Division of Child Hygiene, 330 State House, Indianapolis.

Money received by Indiana under the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner Act makes it possible to carry on this work of prevention of childhood diseases with their ofttimes irreparable results. This is League business.

## NUTRITION INSTITUTE

The second annual Nutrition Institute will be held in Indianapolis, April 21 to 24, under the auspices of the Indiana University Extension Division, in co-operation with the Indiana Tuberculosis Association and the Marion County Tuberculosis Association. The Institute will be held at the University Extension Headquarters, 319 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis. Advance registrations should be made with Murray A. Auerbach, 1219 Meyer-Kiser Building, Indianapolis.

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Delegates should address all mail and telegrams in care of the hotel where they expect to stay. If unable to secure accommodations before leaving home, they should use the address, "Care Information Bureau, Indiana League of Women Voters, Convention Floor."

### Banquet Tickets

Tickets for the Friday evening banquet can be secured from the Ticket Desk on the Convention Floor, or from Mrs. R. Chraniski, 1015 South 9th Street, Terre Haute.

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# News of the Branch Leagues

Would you like a hundred new members in your League? Ask Terre Haute how it can be done. A short membership drive put on by the Terre Haute League early in March ended with a delightful dinner meeting at St. Stephens parish house. The three teams in charge of the drive announced one hundred and ten new members. Miss Edith Jenkins of Decatur, Illinois, speaker of the evening, talked on "Citizenship in Relation to Industrial Life." The Terre Haute League is actively supporting women candidates for the school board.

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The Valparaiso League and the Rotary Club held a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Lembke with Mrs. C. C. Warrington, state probation officer, as the speaker. Realizing the vital need for raising the standard of probation work in Porter County, the League provided an interested and influential audience before which Mrs. Warrington laid her problem. She gave a graphic picture of the lack of probation work done in the county and appealed to the citizens to help clear up a situation which meant the saving of lives to the children and money to the taxpayers.

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"Rights of Co-operatives" was the subject of the talk by E. C. Bird, county agriculturist, before the South Bend League on March 3. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. A. E. Martin, chairman of the committee on living costs. Mrs. Earl Hummer continued her reports on the legislative session.

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The Little Theater department of the Elkhart League held a luncheon meeting on March 16. Miss Ruth Kelly, supervisor of art in the high school discussed "The Outdoor Theaters of Europe."

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Mrs. Opal Perkins, incoming president, was hostess for the March meeting of the Stroh League. The program was given over to current events. Ways of raising money to finance the new library were discussed.

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The March meeting of the Carroll County League was held at the home of Mrs. A. H. Brewer. Mrs. T. W. Armstrong gave a report of the work done in the 1925 Legislature to date, and Mrs. W. H. Bradshaw discussed "The Relationship of the United States to Japan."

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Mrs. Rose Meyers was hostess for the Aurora League's March meeting. Mrs. Cooper was the leader for the afternoon.

The Portland League elected the following officers at the March meeting: President, Mrs. Wheeler Ashcraft; vice-president, Mrs. J. O. Pierce; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Harry Teeters; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clyde Emrick. Mrs. Leora Bell read a splendid paper on "Citizenship." The list of ten questions on Indiana were discussed.

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The executive board of the Michigan City League met with Mrs. Andrew Gill. Plans for the remainder of the year's work were discussed. Among the speakers announced are: Mrs. W. M. Miller of South Bend, who will speak on "Peace;" Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse, fourth regional secretary, and Senator Claude Steele. At the last meeting of the year, the League will present "Why Casey Was Defeated," a play used by Leagues throughout the country before the November elections. It is equally appropriate for use before local elections.

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The Civic Club, a branch of the Ft. Wayne League of Women Voters, has sent cards to its members bearing the message, "Do you know we have a Primary May 5? Let us get out and nominate good men and women for the following city offices: mayor, city judge, city clerk and city council." The club is planning a series of neighborhood meetings to arouse interest in the coming city primaries and to be ready to give out needed information.

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The March meeting of the Frankfort League was held with Mrs. Nellie L. Claybaugh. Mr. P. T. Coapstick, instructor in the high school, conducted the meeting. The League has been following Raymond Moley's "Outline of Government in the United States," and has found that it has greatly increased the interest and attendance at the meetings.

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## OUR NEW OFFICERS

MRS. B. B. WHITE, President

Greetings to every member of the Indiana League of Women Voters. The delegates who attended the state convention,—they came, were seen and conquered; they won the heart of Terre Haute.

Did I hear Peter Pan ask if I believed in fairies? Yes, surely to me the unexpected happened. May these greetings sound as clear as the bugle calls which were heard in our convention hall, the night of May seventh. You are called to rally round the throne of the League of Women Voters. School children, toilers, even babes are appealing to that throne. League members of Indiana, let us heed their appeal.

"Citizenship means Service"—rally your workers for some kind of birth-day service between the first and fourth of July. Then let us observe August eighteenth in every district in the state. The notes of the bugle call herald new offices, herald a new year. Twelve months will soon pass. Let every League record a credit mark for each month. So when the year ends we may dance with joy, as in the pageant that Thursday night Joy danced because woman's work had been well done.

Very sincerely
Lillian J. White

With the election of Mrs. B. B. White of Terre Haute as president of the Indiana League of Women Voters at the state convention, held in Terre Haute, May 7th and 8th, the work of the coming year begins auspiciously. Mrs. White is eminently qualified to take the leadership of the organization, for she has personal charm and magnetism combined with forcefulness and a thoughtful interest in civic affairs. She has been fifth district chairman, president of the Terre Haute League and a member of the state board of directors since the creation of the organization. Her interests outside the League include a wide range.

Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross of Rensselaer was made first vice president; Miss Sara Lauter of Indianapolis, second vice president; Mrs. J. E. Neff of South Bend, third vice president; Miss Emma May of Terre Haute, fourth vice president; Mrs. Thomas Henry Mullins of Fort Wayne, treasurer; Mrs. Walter Greenough of Indianapolis, secretary.

The newly elected members of the board of directors, elected by the convention are: Mrs. Thomas Arthur Stuart, Lafayette; Mrs. Charles Arthur Carlisle, South Bend; Mrs. Richard E. Edwards, Peru; Mrs. O. R. Webb, Evansville; Miss Anna O'Flynn, Vincennes; Mrs. Theodore Louden, Bloomington; Miss Sara Lauter, Indianapolis; Miss Emma May, Terre Haute; Mrs. Ella Bagot Kehrer, Anderson; Miss Gertrude McHugh, Indianapolis; Mrs. Lucile Myers, Hammond.

The hold over members of the board of directors include: Mrs. W. T. Barnes, Indianapolis; Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Muncie; Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross, Rensselaer; Mrs. Frederick Lauenstein, Evansville; Mrs. I. E. May, Anderson; Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis; Mrs. Homer McCray, Kendallville; Mrs. H. R. Misener, Michigan City; Mrs. J. E. Neff, South Bend; Mrs. B. B. White, Terre Haute; Mrs. C. C. Warrington, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Thomas H. Mullins, Fort Wayne; Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, Elkhart; Mrs. Walter Greenough, Indianapolis; Mrs. Christian Eby, Connersville.

The district directors include: Mrs. Lula Halvorsen, Evansville, first district; Mrs. William Allen Cullop, Vincennes, second district; Mrs. H. F. Nosler, Terre Haute, fifth district; Mrs.

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## THE RICHMOND CONVENTION

The convention of the National League, held in Richmond, Virginia, was a brilliant and remarkable event. The program included many of the greatest men and women in the country, with especial reference to any signal contribution made to the national life during the past year. The charm of the slow Southern hospitality and the history worn city of Richmond made a delightful setting for all the events.

Miss Belle Sherwin, president, proved herself to be a woman of remarkable ability and clarity of vision. If Mrs. Maud Wood Park, president since the creation of the organization, had to retire, her successor could not have been more worthily chosen. The reports and the plan of work, presented by the officers and the standing committee chairmen, evidenced an enormous amount of work during the past year and outlined stimulating plans for the future. The women guests from foreign countries shared honors with the 74 student delegates from 32 colleges, who electified the convention with their enthusiasm and ideas.

But the real hope and vigor of the convention lay in the delegate body. There were assembled together, a thousand strong, brilliant, representative, thoughtful women from all parts of America. The debates from the floor were worthy of note. No argument was ever repeated. Points were made quickly, clearly and with driving force. The women taking part in the debate were distinguished by the carrying power of their voices, by the great technical knowledge they possessed and by the brevity of their utterances.

The Indiana League must humbly confess that it has a long but inspiring road to travel to equal the growth made by the national organization.

The delegates from Indiana included: Mrs. H. R. Misener, Michigan City; Mrs. Walter Ely, Terre Haute; Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Muncie; and Mrs. Walter Greenough, Indianapolis. Indiana also had one student delegate, Miss Anne Maier, Muncie, who represented the Eastern Division, Indiana State Normal School.

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Charles Teetor, Hagerstown, sixth district; Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis, seventh district; Mrs. I. E. May, Anderson, eighth district; Mrs. A. C. Clauser, Delphi, ninth district; Mrs. W. H. Parkinson, Lafayette, tenth district; Mrs. Arthur Cline, Peru, eleventh district; Mrs. W. J. Feallock, Michigan City, thirteenth district.

## OUR RETIRING PRESIDENT

Mrs. W. T. Barnes, Indianapolis, who has been the president of the League for the past year, has endeared herself to the membership of the organization. During the long and dangerous illness of her husband, she had the heartfelt sympathy of her many friends. Her keen mind, with its ability to cut through pretenses to the heart of any question, her fund of sturdy good sense are assets of great value to the League. While it is necessary to realize that circumstances prevent her from carrying on active organization work for another year, still her retirement is a matter of regret. Mrs. Barnes will remain on the board of directors, and the new officers will have the opportunity of profiting by her rich fund of experience and knowledge.


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# THE STATE CONVENTION

Those who attended the sixth annual convention of the League, held in Terre Haute, May 7th and 8th, had the opportunity of hearing some of the best women speakers in the country.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS. Judge Florence Allen of Ohio, at the closing banquet of the convention, gave a masterly address on the "Supreme Challenge." Miss Alice W. Hunt of Rhode Island made an eloquent, humorous and graphic appeal for the "Larger Citizenship" at the mass meeting.

"The Driving Force of the League" was the subject of a fine talk made by Mrs. Craig C. Miller, president of the Michigan League. Our regional director, Mrs. William T. Hibbard of Illinois, was particularly happy in her greetings to the convention and helpful at all times in presenting the view point of the National League.

Mrs. Mary Gallahan Kolb of Peru, Indiana, who has been executive secretary of the Rhode Island League, spoke on "The Growth of the League" from the standpoint of a local league president. Mrs. William Ehrich, of Evansville, gave a resume of the conference on "The Causes and Cures of War," in which the nine great women's organizations participated.

REPORTS. If any delegates came to the convention with a feeling of discouragement at the magnitude of the task of working for better civic conditions, their discouragement melted to admiration and enthusiasm for the work, when the reports of the work of the past year were read by the officers. Mrs. W. T. Barnes, president, made a plea for a more closely knit and forceful organization, suggesting that the local leagues keep in close touch with their state headquarters and the state with the fine work of the national League. Miss Helen Rogers Hand presented the subject "How to Use the Speakers Bureau." The other reports and the leaders of discussion were equally good.

FINANCES. Finance was elevated to a dignified place on the program of the convention. The enthusiasm reached a climax when the Good Citizenship Bonds, prepared by the finance department, were exhibited for the first time. The bonds, issued for one year only, with dividends payable in the knowledge that the money is to be used to elevate the standard of citizenship, were felt by League members to fill a long felt want. At the request of Mrs. Hibbard, the Indiana League donated the text and the idea of the bond for use by the other states in the region.

During a demonstration of the way to sell the bonds, participated in by the entire convention, nearly $2500 was subscribed. Miss Sara Lauter, of Indianapolis, was in charge.

HOSPITALITY. The hospitality of the citizens of Terre Haute made the convention full of interest for the delegates and guests. The local convention committees functioned admirably. The music provided throughout the convention was of especial interest. In addition to the soloists during the day sessions, the two evening meetings enjoyed the orchestras and the glee clubs from the two high schools. The pageant, presented at the mass meeting, with the League of Women Voters crowned as queen of the land of justic and mercy, was very effective.

A tea at the Indiana State Normal School was a welcome diversion, and the Normal School added the distinction of announcing through Miss Margaret Vaughn, the formation of a new League in the school.

"Seeing Terre Haute," with the Chamber of Commerce cooperating in a delightful drive about the city and suburbs, was a feature of the convention. The mayor of the city, with Mrs. Nosler, fifth district chairman, welcomed the convention and bought the first Citizenship Bond sold in Terre Haute. Civic organizations combined to provide souvenirs of the occasion. A great deal of effort was made, personally and collectively to make the convention successful. As Mrs. Hibbard expressed it—"Terre Haute even gave us a president."

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**STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC,, REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS ON AUGUST 24, 1912, OF THE WOMAN VOTER, PUBLISHED MONTHLY AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FOR APRIL 1, 1925.**

State of Indiana, County of Marion, SS:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Corinna R. Barnes, President, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the publisher of the Woman Voter and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation) etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in Section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse side of this form, to-wit:

1, That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:

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3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities are; (If there are none, so state.) None.

4. That the two paragraphs next above, giving the names of the owners, stockholders, and security holders, if any, contain not only the list of stockholders and security holders as they appear upon the books of the company but also. in cases where the stockholders or security holder appears upon the books of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting, is given; also that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing affiant's full knowledge and belief as to the circumstances and conditions under which stockholders and security holders who do not appear upon the books of the company as trustees, hold stock and securities in a capacity other than that of a bona fide owner; and this affiant has no other reason to believe that any other person, association, or corporation has any interest direct or indirect in the said stock, bonds, or other secureties than as so stated by her.

CORINNA R. BARNES, President.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of April, 1925.

M. D. LARSH.
Notary Public.

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My commission expires March 8, 1927.

# *News of the Branch Leagues*

South Bend was hostess for the thirteenth district conference which was held on April 26th. Miss Mary McDowell of Chicago gave the principal address, her subject being "Methods for Preventing War." Mrs. L. S. Fickenscher presided in the absence of Mrs. C. A. Carlisle. Delegates were present from Michigan City, Elkhart and New Carlisle. Mrs. R. A. Erskine and Mrs. Floyd Gaumer headed the committee to direct South Bend's observance of national music week. Interesting programs were prepared for each day. The South Bend Woman's Club and the South Bend League sponsored the fourth annual exhibit of local artists the week of April 4th.

Mrs. Edna Christian was elected president at the April meeting of the Indianapolis League; Mrs. Booth Tarkington, second vice-president; Mrs. O. L. Andrews, treasurer; and Mrs. Richard Coleman, assistant treasurer. Mrs. S. E. Perkins was elected Seventh District Chairman. Preceding the business session, L. V. Harrison, secretary of the civic affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce, gave a second talk on public finance, which was followed by general discussion. Mrs. Maud Wood Park was guest of honor at an informal luncheon of the Indianapolis League on April 4th and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt the guest of honor at a tea on Friday afternoon, April 9th, at the Benjamin Harrison home, Mrs. C. L. Rader, hostess.

Dr. H. O. Staufft spoke on "Adolescent Problems" at the luncheon meeting of the child welfare department of the Elkhart League on April 6th. The visual education department presented the motion picture "King Lear," preceded by Miss Clara Van Nuys of the High School who discussed Shakespeare's drama of King Lear. A candidates' meeting was held at the Women's League building when the candidates for the primaries were asked to speak, on April 27th.

Senator Claude Steele and City Attorney Walter C. Williams were the speakers at the dinner meeting of the Michigan City League. Senator Steele spoke on the 1925 session of the Legislature and Mr. Williams on Michigan City's city manager form of government,

The Terre Haute League gave a bridge party at the Woman's Department Club on April 15th, to raise money to defray expenses for the state convention.

The Columbus League met with Mrs. Jennie Newsom on April 10th. The subject for discussion was "Local Government." Mrs. Laura Fix was discussion leader.

The April meeting of the Stroh League was held with Mrs. Crouch. The Social Hygiene Committee had charge of the program.

The Evansville League elected the following officers at the April meeting: Mrs. O. R. Webb, president; Mrs. Carl Pate, first vice president; Mrs. A. P. Ritz, second vice president; Mrs. Lucien Hayden, secretary; and Mrs. Thomas Ross, treasurer.

Mrs. Mary Gallahan Kolb was elected president of the Peru League at the April meeting; Mrs. Joseph Shirk, vice-president; Mrs. Turner Newman, secretary; Miss Hester Wood, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Catherine Turpie, treasurer. The Peru League gave a dinner in honor of Mrs. I. H. Metcalf and Miss Alice Hunt of Rhode Island to which all men's and women's organizations were invited. Both Mrs. Metcalf and Miss Hunt spoke on "An American's Experiences at Geneva."

Mrs. William T. Barnes spoke to the Kokomo League at their monthly meeting, April 20th, on the "Value of the League." On April 27th the League held an open meeting for the candidates in the coming Primaries.

On the evening of May 2, the Bluffton League held an open meeting at the Court House. Instruction on the mechanics of voting at the Primaries was given, the duties of the mayor and councilmen outlined. All candidates were asked to speak for five minutes.

Mrs. W. T. Barnes was the principal speaker at the Second District Conference held at Vincennes on April 14th. Mrs. W. A. Cullop was re-elected second district chairman.

Mrs. LeGrand T. Meyers of Cedar Lake was elected president of the Lake County League of Women Voters at the county meeting held in Hammond in April 23. Chairmen of the various sub-organizations of the county are: Mrs. Otto Fifeld, Crown Point; Mrs. Norris, East Chicago; Mrs. David, Hobart; Mrs. Fredericks, Ainsworth; Mrs. Gringle, Whiting; Mrs. Lucile Myers, Hammond; and Mrs. Starr Brownell, Lowell.

Mrs. Lucile Myers presided at the meeting. An educational campaign on the Child Labor Amendment was decided upon.

Candidates for mayor were the special guests of the Lafayette League at their April luncheon meeting. Mr. Phillips, Republican candidate, outlined his platform, and a letter was read from Mr. Grosshans, Democratic candidate, who was unable to be present. Miss Lella Gaddis of the Purdue home economics department, told of the home demonstration work that is being done among rural women.

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## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

It is the frequent experience of League officers that the individual members of local leagues question the value of the State and National organizations and, especially, the necessity for their budgets. It seems worth while, therefore, to consider what service the State and National render to the individual member, in relation to the general purposes for which the League was formed.

I. The League of Woman Voters exists to help the woman citizen make the best possible use of her vote, by offering her, primarily, training in citizenship and, secondarily, a channel through which she may on occasion express herself as a woman voter.

It recognizes that the voter is a citizen not only of her town but also of the state and nation. Her vote affects state and national as well as local issues, therefore the organization through which she expresses herself must have state and national as well as local programs.

II. In order that the League may have *coherence and unity* of policy, it must have a central, national organization. The word "League" in its name recognizes this obvious fact.

III. The League's very existence was due to centralized action. The initiation of the movement was national and the organization, with but few exceptions, was extended from a national centre—states taking over their own extension work as they became strong enough to do so. While the whole policy of the League is decentralization, with vigorous local initiative, yet extension of organization must continue to be a national or state function for some time to come.

IV. *Efficiency and economy* demand a certain amount of centralization. The publications necessary for our citizenship training work, for instance, can be done far more economically by national and state offices; and this is true of a large part of our correspondence and of our legislative work. A loose chain of detached locals, each getting out its own educational material would mean the extreme of duplication, confusion, and extravagant expense. And yet this appears to be the logical deduction from many of the criticisms of state and national budgets.

V. Moreover, the services of National and State headquarters to the individual voter cannot be measured simply by what passes physically from these offices to local leagues, in the form of letters, bulletins, visits of officers and staff workers, etc. *but must include those activities at the centre for which the above methods of communication are merely the distributing agency.*

Many leagues and individuals complain that they do not get their money's worth in services from State and National, but they fail to include in their statistics, so many workers' brains at their service, so many hours of clerical service, so much in printing saved to them, so much in rent and stationery, etc.

VI. The value of the League must also be measured in "imponderables," such as the prestige which a state-wide and nation-wide organization lends to the efforts and standing of the individual member; by the value of collective experience and collective inspiration; and by the extention of the individual's influence through the cumulative power, brains and circles of contact of the entire membership.

VII. To sum up: The State and National organizations do a part of the voter's work for her. The individual voter counts for very little alone. She can only make her vote count through organized agencies.

This is the point at which the League of Woman Voters meets the need of the individual woman. It exists not only to help her fit herself for her duty as a voter, but it helps her to perform that duty. The National and State agencies of the League's work are just as much her agencies as the local of which she is a member.

When these facts are understood it becomes clear that the support of state and national work is her responsibility and it is only decent and fair that she should bear her fractional share. The National and State leagues are not outside and remote groups carrying on activities in which she has no voice and no concern. They are carrying out the policies and programs for which she or her representatives have voted in State or National conventions. While the principle of "no taxation without representation" is sound, its obverse of "no representation without taxation" is also just and fair.

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## BUDGETS.

Fashion says—Budget, and the League of Woman Voters budgets.

As this edition of the WOMAN VOTER is a Finance Number, it seemed of especial interest to include not only the budget of the Indiana League but also the budgets of other states in the Fourth Region.

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| Indiana | $7,500.00 |
| Illinois | 39,000.00 |
| Kentucky | 7,000.00 |
| Michigan | 9,375.00 |
| Ohio | 20,000.00 |
| Wisconsin | 10,000.00 |
| West Virginia | 5,500.00 |

Indiana's budget, considering the size of the state, the wealth and the population, is very modest. We are only asking for $7,500.00 for the work of the League of Women Voters, including our quota to the National League, and this should be raised easily.

HOW THE MONEY WILL BE RAISED:

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| From local league treasuries: | |
| 25 cents per member from 5,000 members | $1,250.00 |
| Local league portion of district dues to National League ($50 per district) | 500.00 |
| From Personal Pledges and Sale of Bonds: | |
| These are the $10.00 units which are allotted among the districts | 5,000.00 |
| From Other Sources: | |
| Advertising in the Convention Program and other sources | 750.00 |
| TOTAL | $7,500.00 |

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## THIS IS YOUR VOTER

It has been suggested to the Editor that the "News of the Branch Leagues" be omitted from the "Voter" until such time as we can afford to print a larger paper.

This is YOUR "Voter," what would you like to do? Would you like to see articles on various phases of our Program of Work appear on page four? Write the editor and give your suggestions for improving the quality and usefulness of our paper, always bearing in mind that the paper is small and must emphasize brevity.

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## GOOD CITIZENSHIP BONDS

The Finance Plan that was used by the League last year, will be the plan for the coming year. But in order to make this plan easier of execution by the local leagues, the Finance Committee conceived the idea of Good Citizenship Bonds, to be sold by the individual members. It is simply another way of raising the $10.00 units called for in the Finance Plan. It gives the "bond salesmen" something tangible to sell instead of making abstract appeals for donations.

This tells only part of the story. The greatest enthusiasm for the Good Citizenship Bonds was expressed at the recent state convention of the Indiana League. Already four other states in the region are preparing to base their drive for funds on our bond, reprinted with the name of their state inserted instead of the name of our state. The buyer of the bond is to receive dividends "Of greater value than gold in the knowledge

That the institutions of our Fathers will be perpetuated and strengthened:

That the ideals of participating and active citizenship upon which this country was founded will be vitalized and made an integral part of the lives of today's and tomorrow's citizens:

That the childhood of Indiana will be safeguarded by sane preventive measures and the waves of degeneracy, illiteracy and crime cut off at the source."

With these bonds, expressing the ideals of the organization so graphically, the slogan "Every member a money raiser" should become an actual fact.

Miss Sara Lauter, who, with Mrs. Alice Foster Mullins and Miss Adah Bush, will conduct the finance campaign, urges that men be given the privilege of buying these bonds. With the successful sale of the bonds to men native to Indiana, who have become national figures in the professional, financial and political life of these United States, it is felt by the committee that sufficient proof has been given that men are interested in becoming sustaining factors in our organization. Also, the ease with which the women attending the state convention, sold bonds, demonstrates anew that we as an organization, can sell the bonds, if we really care enough for the success of the League.

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"Money is the gas that makes the organization car of the League go."—Miss Sara Lauter.

"Good Citizenship Bonds are good investments."—Mrs. Alice Foster Mullins.

## INDIANA WINS

Miss Mildred Stahl, of Kokomo, Indiana, has been awarded the fellowship of the National League of Women Voters, established for the "study of the American Indian problem, the successive policies of the Government, and the contemporary administration of Indian affairs," officers of the league announced.

Miss Stahl will begin her studies under the league fellowship next September at the Robert Brookings Graduate School of Economics and Government in Washington. The amount of the fellowship is $1,000, which covers for one year the cost of fees, room, board, and all the facilities of the Brookings Graduate School.

Selection of Miss Stahl was made after careful consideration of a number of well-qualified applicants. She has had a desirable background of study and research in subjects of public interest. She is a graduate of the University of Indiana, received her master's degree from Smith College, where she specialized in history, and has also done graduate work in George Washington University. Her master's thesis on the Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy is to be published in the series of Smith College Studies.

The fellowship, which is the first ever offered by the National League, was established in order to secure an authoritative academic review of the general Indian problem, before the League proceeds to include the subject in its study program. The 1924 convention of the League authorized a preliminary survey of the subject by a special committee, but the conflicting views and the lack of authentic material impressed League officers with the need of an unbiased review of the problem. The fellowship was therefore arranged at the Brookings School, where Miss Stahl will study under the supervision of the faculty, and be available for consultation with representatives of the League's department of efficiency in government, which is in charge of the fellowship plan.

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# News of the Branch Leagues

Mrs. W. A. Cullop and Miss Anna O'Flynn gave the report of the state convention at the May meeting of the Vincennes League. Mrs. Thomas Threlkeld of Bicknell and Mrs. John Riddle also gave reports.

Mrs. Eldora Raleigh was the speaker at the May meeting of the Newburgh League. After the short business meeting she gave the report of the state convention.

The May meeting of the Portland League was held with Mrs. Clyde Emrick. Mrs. Sue Pierce talked on "California" and the twenty questions on Indiana were discussed.

The Union Township League met with Mrs. Addie Comer on May 21. Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross reported the state convention and Mrs. A. A. Hoover spoke on the work of the League. Mrs. J. W. Horton was also a guest.

On May 26, Mrs. J. A. Neill, president, reported the state convention and Mrs. T. J. Louden gave the report of the International Council of Women Quinquennial Convention, just held in Washington, D. C.

The Indianapolis League gave a luncheon on May 21st in honor of the newly elected officers. Mrs. W. T. Barnes gave the report of the state convention, Mrs. Walter Greenough, the report of the national convention and Miss Sara Lauter told about the Citizenship Bonds.

The Peru League held an interesting meeting May 20. Reports from the state convention were given. Mrs. Edwin Miller spoke on American Citizenship; Mrs. S. W. Swearinger on Child Welfare; Mrs. D. M. Coppock on Efficiency in Government and Mrs. John Bossard on Social Hygiene. Plans for a membership drive were discussed.

Reports from the state convention were given at the May luncheon meeting of the Evansville League by Mrs. Wm. S. Ehrich, Mrs. Lulu S. Halvorsen, Mrs. Thomas Ross and Mrs. O. R. Webb. The chairmen of the standing committees also made their reports at this meeting.

The Marion Township League elected the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. A. A. Hoover, president; Mrs. Franciska Tresler, vice-president; and Mrs. Mary McFarland, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Callahan reported the state convention and Mr. George Reed, county winner of the High School Discussion League gave his arguments in favor of the Child Labor Amendment.

Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse of Chicago spoke on the "Work of the National League of Women Voters" at the May meeting of the Michigan City League. Officers elected at the meetings were: Mrs. H. R. Misener, president; Mrs. A. A. Boyd, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Dennis Donahue, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. W. C. Haviland, recording secretary; Mrs. B. F. Veal, corresponding secretary; Mrs. G. B. Brice, treasurer. Mrs. W. J. Feallock and Miss Frances Donnelly gave reports of the 13th District meeting and Mrs. H. R. Misener told of the state convention.

The newly elected officers of the Terre Haute League are: Mrs. H. F. Nosler, president; Mrs. Mary Shryer, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Clara Ramage, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. John Garrigue, secretary; Mrs. Charles Hunter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Waffle, treasurer.

The May meeting of the Delphi League was a covered dish supper at the library with the husbands of the members the special guests. Mr. Dean Smith gave a summary of the work of the 1925 Legislature and Mr. Virgil Stinebaugh discussed "The Short Ballot."

Election of officers was held at the May meeting of the South Bend League. Mrs. Charles A. Carlisle was chosen honorary president; Mrs. L. S. Fickenscher, president; Mrs. George Phillips, 1st vice-president; Mrs E. P. Chapin, 2nd vice-president; Miss Amada McCoombs, recording secretary; Mrs. A. E. Martin, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Earl Hummer, treasurer.

Mrs. Ross Winship is the newly elected president of the Valparaiso League; Mrs. T. O. Dillon, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Louise Shauer, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. S. E. Shideler, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Homer Black, secretary; and Mrs. O. N. Owen, treasurer. Mrs. Effie Earl reported the district meeting which was held at Rensselaer when Mrs. W. H. Parkinson was reelected district chairman and Mrs. Effie Earl district secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross of Rensselear gave the report of the state convention.

A luncheon meeting and the election of officers closed the club year of the Elkhart League on May 18. Mrs. J. J. Littrell was elected 1st vice-president and chairman of the political department; Mrs. Oskar Kylin, 2nd vice-president and chairmen of the program and education part of the Child Welfare department; Mrs. Maurice M. Frink, 3rd vice-president and chairman of the visual education department; Miss Ella Corwin, 4th vice-president and chairman of the literature department; Mrs. F. F. Carpenter, 5th vice-president and chairman of the Little Theater department. Mrs. R. R. Haggarty was elected registrar and Mrs. Allen Loomis was appointed secretary to fill the unexpired term of Miss Helen K. Boss, resigned. The other officers hold over until next year.

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## THREE NATIONAL ISSUES

Three issues of national import will be considered at the convening of Congress in December, which are of especial interest to members of the League of Women Voters.

One measure is the consideration of the re-enactment of the Maternity and Infancy Act. Since it was largely through the activity of the League that the original Act was passed, it is considered of paramount importance that it be re-enacted, now that the five year limitation clause makes it necessary. It has been proved to have been most effective in stimulating education along the lines of maternity and infancy hygiene, and statistics are being compiled at the present time to prove the lessened death rate of mothers and babies in the United States under the operation of the law.

The World Court, so long before the citizens of the United States, will come before the Senate of the United States on December 17 next. December 17 is World Court Day. Informed public opinion will be the most effective force in demanding favorable consideration of the Court, and the League plans to conduct a national campaign of fact dissemination.

These two measures are the principal legislative measures of the League, upon which all their strength has been and will be expended to secure favorable action. The third issue up for consideration has been forced upon the League by the proposed new method of amending the constitution of the United States, known as the Wadsworth-Garrett amendment. That it is unwise to change our constitution so drastically, is felt by the greater part of the League membership, and a campaign against the amendment will be waged by the League.

In this issue of the Voter, these three measures are briefly outlined and sources of further information suggested.

### THE WORLD COURT

The question of the Permanent Court of International Justice has been before the citizens of the United States for several years. Both of the major political parties have endorsed it; the President of the United States has recommended entrance in the Court as the next important step in our foreign policy; public opinion, expressed in our press, in our churches, through resolutions and active work in an overwhelming number of organizations, has supported it. When Congress convenes in December of this year, the Senate, on December 17, will consider this vital issue. So much has been accomplished.

Through the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War, the League of Women Voters has been a dominant factor in developing informed public opinion on American adhesion to the World Court. But all of the work that has been done so far has not availed to force action of any kind; therefore members of the League are planning to spend the coming months in planning informal gatherings and porch parties in every community of the United States, until the real facts concerning the World Court are well known to every woman citizen.

In view of this militant campaign of education, perhaps it would be wise to review briefly the history and the constitution of the Court.

In the first place, a Permanent Court of International Justice has long been an American ideal, with all of the American Presidents for the last thirty years advocating it.

The Hague Conferences of 1899 and 1907 failed to establish a World Court because a way could not be found to elect judges satisfactory both to the big and little nations.

The new International Court was established as a permanent body by a special treaty drawn up at the first assembly of the League of Nations in 1920, eleven leading jurists, including Elihu Root, representing different nationalities and legal systems having drafted the statute for the court.

Forty-eight states have signed the Protocal establishing it.

The personelle of the World Court is composed of eleven regular and four deputy judges.

Each judge serves nine years and may be re-elected.

*These judges sit permanently at the Hague.* They are nominated by members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and elected by the Council and the Assembly of the League of Nations, voting separately.

The Court decides disputes between the states under certain conditions, renders advisory opinions to the Council and the League. It has compulsory

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## OUR BUSY SUMMER.

Our country's birthday--The Glorious Fourth has passed. Another important birthday is approaching, August twenty-sixth. We will this year celebrate the fifth anniversary of the granting of national woman suffrage in these United States. Birthdays are the loveliest days to celebrate. They are so personal, so individual, such family affairs. So let's get together, we Indiana Women Voters, and surely we can have a celebration on August 26th, in every district in the state. That would be a good way to carry out the "porch party" idea, which was mentioned at our last Board meeting. Invite a few neighbors, a few congenial souls to your home, for a summer morning or a summer evening. Have someone to talk on your coming city elections this fall. Or someone could speak on the duties of your various county officers. Always, there should be someone to emphasize the close relationship between local, state and national. And from your group send an appeal to Senator Watson that women wish to outlaw war. Senator Ralston stands with the women in favoring some plan for World Peace.

Our last edition of "The Woman Voter" laid the corner stone for our year's work—finance. The bond plan was stressed. You read the quotations from Mrs. Mullins and Miss Lauter; they are good directors for driving our car of state. And have you taken to heart the heavy type—"Are You a Bond Holder?" We are now knee deep in the good old summer time. By the State Board meeting in September, let's have financial worries out of the way; let's go, we'll win. A letter came from the National headquarters the other day. It spoke of hot weather down east; it was written to the whirring rhythm of an electric fan. So is this message. Which just proves that we find the same problems wherever we are.

LILLIAN J. WHITE, President.

## AUGUST 26th

In August comes the anniversary of the promulgation of the suffrage amendment. Miss Helen Courtenay, publicity director, is planning a series of articles on the stirring days preceding ratification of suffrage and requests that any interesting information in the possession of suffragists be sent to headquarters. Photographs and snapshots will be of especial interest — pictures of floats, suffrage parades or pageants, or of other interesting incidents. Although only five years have elapsed, the historical significance of the event suggests celebrations by the Leagues along historical lines.

## THE WORLD COURT

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jurisdiction with reference to the states which have accepted the optional clause conferring jurisdiction.

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"The International Court," 10c.

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## THE WADSWORTH AMENDMENT.

The entire question of amending the Constitution of the United States has been brought forcibly to the attention of members of the League of Women Voters by two recent events; the struggle for ratification of the Child Labor Amendment, and the proposed Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment, dealing with the method of amending the Constitution.

The ratification of the Child Labor Amendment was before the majority of the state legislatures during the past year. The seemingly insurmountable difficulties encountered, would seem to prove conclusively that it has not yet become an easy matter to amend the Constitution of the United States.

In fact, the whole history of the amendments to our Constitution supports this conclusion. The first ten or perhaps twelve amendments may properly be considered as a part of the original constitution. In the century following not a single amendment succeeded in passing. Three amendments were adopted as a result of the Civil War. Since 1912, aided again by war conditions, four amendments have been added. But anyone who thinks these four were easily secured, is not aware of the vast amount of time, energy and money expended by the American people to secure them.

However, certain elements in both Houses of Congress became interested in Article V of the Federal Constitution, dealing with methods of amending it. A resolution introduced in the senate by James W. Wadsworth, Republican, New York, and in the senate by Finis J. Garrett, Democrat, Tennessee, has by special rule been placed upon the calendar for passage at the coming session of Congress.

Under the present method, two-thirds of both Houses are necessary to secure consideration of proposed amendments, unless two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states apply, in which case Congress shall call a convention for proposing amendments. In either case, the proposed amendment shall be valid when ratified by three-fourths of the legislatures of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths of the states.

The proposed amendment retains the restrictive feature of Article V, a two-thirds vote of each house of Congress to submit an amendment, and three-fourths of all the states to adopt.

But it also adds these new and significant restrictions:

1. That the ratification by three-fourths of the states be accomplished either by conventions elected by the people for that purpose or through the direct vote of their people held under the authority of the respective states.

2. That if at any time more than **one-fourth** of the states have rejected the amendment, this rejection shall be final and further consideration of the amendment shall cease.

3. That any amendment shall be ratified within eight years or it becomes inoperative.

The grave import of any change in our basic law has been recognized by the League of Women Voters. Therefore, supported by the leading students of government in the country, the national convention of the League went on record as opposing a proposal of such drastic and fundamental change in the Constitution of the United States.

## TALK.

**"The Education of its Citizens is the Safeguard of the Republic."**

"Will you join our conversation group?" bids fair to be a popular form of greeting at summer resort hotels, and on porches of cities and towns throughout the country. This summer the League of Women Voters is recommending conversation courses on the World Court, the Wadsworth Amendment and the reenactment of the Maternity and Infancy Act. The League desires earnestly that these measures, which as laws may change the course of our own and world history,—be decided calmly and intelligently by the American public on the basis of facts before they are presented to Congress.

To accomplish this objective, every League member will have to make herself a source of authoritative information in her community, and become thoroughly acquainted with the provisions of the measures herself. Through her immediate family, her friends and neighbors, she can then disseminate the facts so necessary for any logical consideration. Ultimately, a great force of informed public opinion will be developed.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Package libraries on the Maternity and Infancy Act are ready for distribution at State Headquarters. The libaries contain the latest facts about the work done in Indiana under the provisions of this Act. A limited amount of material on the Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment is also available and more is being prepared.

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# News of the Branch Leagues

Miss Marion Neprud of Wisconsin, acting fourth regional secretary, toured Indiana for two weeks in June. A part of her time was spent in active organization work and the rest as a speaker at League meetings. Miss Neprud spoke before the following Leagues: The Jasper County League at Rensselaer; the Delphi League; the Shelbyville League; the Terre Haute League; the Remington League; the Peru League and at the citizenship school of the Anderson League. The department of organization of which Mrs. H. R. Misener of Michigan City is chairman, directed Miss Neprud's tour.

The annual meeting of the Jasper County League was held in Rensselaer with Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross, county chairman, presiding. Mrs. LeGrand Meyer, Lake County chairman; Mrs. Bela Roberts, Mt. Ayr; Mrs. Maude Middlestadt and Miss Mary Alice Carney responded to toasts at the luncheon. The amendments to the State Constitution were discussed by Mr. Emmett M. LaRue; Miss Helen Hunt, winner of the White County contest in the State Discussion League, presented her arguments in favor of the Child Labor Amendment. Miss Marion Neprud spoke on the National Program of the League.

Miss Neprud was the League speaker at the joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters at Delphi. She also was the guest of the newly elected officers and board of the Delphi League. The newly elected officers of the Delphi League are: Mrs. James Wason, president; Mrs. A. C. Clauser, Mrs. Harry Haugh, Mrs. Julia Cowdin and Mrs. Elliott Barnard, vice-presidents; Miss Bess Rothenbuerger, secretary, and Miss Laura Griffith, treasurer. Miss Clauser gave the report of the State Convention.

The Shelbyville League met in the communitiy room of the First National Bank. Miss Neprud told of the work done by other Leagues to interest new voters. She outlined suggestions for one-day citizenship schools and spoke on the program of the National League. Miss Hand, executive secretary, talked briefly about the laws sponsored by the League, and urged more study and support of them by the local Leagues. Plans for a fall citizenship school and First Voters party were outlined.

The Terre Haute League held a picnic at Collett Park in honor of Mrs. B. B. White, newly elected state president, and Miss Emma May, newly elected to the state board of directors. Miss Neprud, the principal speaker at the meeting, told of the work of the National and State Leagues. Mrs. White and Miss May also spoke.

Miss Neprud and Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross spoke before a number of women at Remington on the work and program of the League. Suggestions for forming study groups were also discussed.

Mrs. B. B. White, Mrs. W. T. Barnes, Miss Neprud Mrs. Richard Edwards, Miss Sara Lauter and Miss Helen Hand were the special guests at the June meeting of the Peru League. Nearly a hundred members and guests were present at the luncheon. Mrs. Mary Gallahan Kolb, president, presided.

The Anderson League held a one-day citizenship school under the direction of Mrs. Ella B. Kehrer and Miss Marion Neprud. Over thirty women were present from different parts of Madison County. The two candidates for mayor, the woman candidate for city clerk, the present city clerk, the county probation officer and the county secretary of the Board of Children's Guardians spoke at the luncheon. Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl of Muncie, Miss Neprud and Miss Hand also spoke briefly. The morning session was devoted to a round-table discussion of local League problems. In the afternoon Miss Neprud spoke on the program of the National League and Miss Hand, state executive secretary, outlined briefly the three measures for immediate study: the World Court, the Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment to the Constitution and the need of re-enactment of the Maternity and Infancy Act.

Election of officers was held at the last meeting of the Aurora League. Mrs. Mae Whiting was elected president; Mrs. J. R. Houston, vice-president; Mrs. Rosalie Pfister, secretary-treasurer. Two papers were read at the meeting, "Laws Passed by the Last Legislature" by Mrs. Charles Olcott and "Listening in on Congress" by Miss Abigail Holman.

The June meeting of the Stroh League was held with Mrs. Ed Sprouse. Current events and questions of interest were discussed.

The Portland League held its last meeting of the season with Mrs. Charles Arbaugh. The last of a series of questions on Know Your State were discussed and plans made for a joint picnic with the W. C. T. U. some time in August.

The Elkhart League entertained with a Russian tea at the Foster house in St. Joseph Manor. The entire program, most of it given in costume, was of unusual interest, and was open to the public. The newly formed Little Theater department of the League met with the chariman, Mrs. F. F. Carpenter, to outline plans for the coming year.

Mrs. C. B. O'Donnell was hostess for the June meeting of the Vincennes League. Election of officers took place: Mrs. W. A. Cullop, president; Mrs. C. B O'Donnell, first vice-president; Mrs. Samuel Lyons, second vice-president; Mrs. Henry Kixmiller of Bicknell, third vice-president; Mrs. N. E. Becks, recording secretary; Miss Anna O'Flynn, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Arthur Clarke, treasurer.

The Tippecanoe County League closed the season's activity with a luncheon at Columbian Park. Nearly two hundred members and guests were present. Special speakers at the luncheon were: Mrs. Richard Edwards of Peru; Mrs. Mary Gallahan Kolb, president of the Peru League, and Mrs. A. C. Clauser of Delph, Ninth District chairman. Mrs. Thomas Arthur Stuart, president, and the other officers were all re-elected for the ensuing year.

Miss Minnie McDonald read a paper on "The Constitution of Indiana and Its Functioning" and Miss Marie Comer on "Evil Influences Threatening Our Homes and Nation" at the June meeting of the Union Township League. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Miss Minnie McDonald, president; Mrs. Charles Webb, secretary-treasurer.

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# THE MATERNITY AND INFANCY ACT.

Did you know you were instrumental in saving nearly two million dollars to the state of Indiana last year? That this vast sum of money is represented in the saving of the most precious of the assets of the state,—the lives of little children,—should be cause for greater rejoicing than if the sum were actually in the coffers of the treasury.

In the annual report of the Division of Infant and Child Hygiene, Indiana State Board of Health, Dr. Ada Schweitzer, director, it is shown that six more babies in every thousand lived in 1924 than in 1923. Since there were 65,000 born in Indiana during the year, and six were saved in every thousand, there were actually 390 babies who were saved by the campaign of education in infant hygiene conducted by the division. If you count that each child is worth $5,000 to the state, as has been estimated, then 390 babies are worth 390 x 5,000, or $1,950,000.

This vast sum of money, saved to the state of Indiana in intangible assets, is the crowning proof to the members of the Indiana League of Women Voters, that they knew what they wanted and why they wanted it, when they successfully demanded that Indiana accept and match the federal funds available under the Maternity and Infancy Act. Through the Division of Infant and Child Hygiene these national and state funds have been expended. That they have been wisely expended, and that the added funds obtainable under the federal act, have greatly stimulated and strengthened the work, can now be proved by cold figures. For instance, in 1920, eighty-one babies died in every thousand born,; in 1924, only sixty-five babies died in every thousand born. The contrast between the two years estimated in the money value of the children, runs into millions of dollars; in the actual number of babies saved, more than one thousand; and in the imponderables of anguish averted and homes made happy, an incalculable amount. No wonder the League of Women Voters is vitally interested in the re-enactment of the Maternity and Infancy Act at the coming session of Congress.

The methods employed in the state wide campaign of education in Infant Hygiene and in proper care of mothers, are most interesting. Perhaps the most spectacular single piece of work accomplished by the Division of Infant and Child Hygiene, has been the Better Baby Contest conducted at the State Fair. Babies from every county in the state have been entered and the greatest interest shown in the examination, in the model nursery at the State Fair Grounds, and in the lectures and free literature distributed to the proud parents, and even prouder grandparents, uncles and aunts. Over 25,000 persons visited the exhibit each day.

This exhibit has been supplemented by exhibits at county fairs, Child Health Week, Winona Lake Chautauqua, Better Baby Booths at the Better Homes Exposition, and Better Baby Weeks in the larger cities of the state. In the Field Work division, county health conferences have been conducted in many counties of the state, with programs including lectures illustrated by moving pictures, health exhibits, personal conferences with the individual mothers, or with both the parents, following the examination of the children. Another type of work have been the Maternity and Infancy Health Centers established in various communities. Public Health Nursing, special demonstrations and lectures and conferences also have been included in the field work. The administration of the Division centers in the state office at the State House, and it is from this source that the enormous number of health pamphlets are distributed.

It would be unfair, also, to the work of the department, not to stress the number of mothers saved in Indiana. While the per centage of mothers dying in child birth has been decreased during the years, the decrease has not been so drastic as the salvage in child life. But whenever a mother is saved, it usually means the saving of the home life, so here again, the imponderables add up into vast figures.

The work in Indiana has been duplicated in many other states in the United States, and the total number of babies and mothers saved under the operation of the Maternity and Infancy Act, is very large. Since the five year limitation clause in the original act makes re-enactment necessary at the coming session of Congress, the question is of immediate and vital importance. The National League will throw the weight of its strength to the active support of the re-enactment of the Act ,and the Indiana League plans to cooperate

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

"The birthday celebrations of the promulgation of the suffrage amendment which have been held by the Leagues recently, have brought new realization of our great debt of gratitude to the pioneer women who struggled for fifty years that we might vote. With this debt of gratitude in mind, the organization of the work for the coming year is rapidly developing. It is with sincere pleasure that I announce the committee appointments listed below."

—*Mrs. B. B. White,* President

Dr. Edna Hatfield Edmondson, of Bloomington, will serve as the Child Welfare Committee chairman and Mrs. Wilbur Templin, who has been the chairman for the past four years, will serve in an advisory capacity. Dr. Edmondson is well known to Indiana women through her work with the Child Welfare Association and the Parent-Teacher Association.

Mrs. Margaret Hoop, of Shelbyville, will again head the Women in Industry committee. Mrs Hoop, who is chief of the Women's and Children's division of the State Industrial Board, has a great deal of interesting data on the problem of the employment of women and children in Indiana.

Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, of Muncie, has again accepted the chairmanship of the committee on International Co-operation to Prevent War. Mrs. W. S. Ehrich, of Evansville, and Mrs. Lowell Copeland of Michigan City are two of the vice-chairmen of this committee which is concentrating all of its efforts on arousing interest in Indiana on American adherence to the World Court.

Mrs. F. D. Hatfield, of Indianapolis, has accepted the chairmanship of the Living Costs committee. Mrs. Hatfield, who is president of the Indianapolis branch of the A. A. U. W., is an authority on housing conditions, as well as other phases of the committee's program.

Mrs. H. R. Misener, of Michigan City, is chairman of the department of organization. All district chairmen are members of this committee. Mrs. Misener will be glad to be of help to county chairmen and to local League presidents.

Mrs. Mary Gallahan Kolb, of Peru, is chairman of the membership department. This department is working to increase the membership of already organized Leagues and to secure a number of members at large in unorganized communities.

Mrs. J. E. Neff, of South Bend, is chairman of the speakers' bureau. She has outlines for speakers' schools that are ready for use, and also has material for speakers to use in the preparation of talks.

Miss Sara Lauter, of Indianapolis, is chairman of the finance department. She is managing the selling campaign of the "Citizenship Bonds" and has offered to the Leagues for quick sales the Star can opener.

Mrs. W. T. Barnes, of Indianapolis, retiring president of the State League, is chairman of the department of administration.

Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross, of Rensselaer, is program chairman, and the Suggested Study Program for 1925-26 which appears in this issue, is largely her work.

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in every possible way. The first step in this cooperation should be taken by the individual Leagues in interviewing the congressmen and senators from Indiana *before* they return to Washington, and securing their pledge to work actively for the re-enactment of the Maternity and Infancy Act.


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# SUGGESTED STUDY PROGRAM FOR 1925-1926

Mrs Ora Thompson Ross,
Program Committee Chairman

### SEPTEMBER

1. Song "America the Beautiful"
2. Current Events
3. A talk on the World Court
   a. History and achievements
   b. Need for American adherence, with reservations
   c. Its possibilities and limitations
4. Discussion
5. Resolutions to Indiana Senators asking their favorable support of the World Court.

### OCTOBER

1. Song, "Star Spangled Banner"
2. Current Events
3. A talk on the Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment
   a. Its significance at this time
   b. Its effect on the basic principle of our government
4. Discussion
5. Three years of the Maternity and Infancy Law
   a. Why we need more time to prove its worth and need
   b. Has is paid? Federal and State figures
6. Discussion

### NOVEMBER

1. Song "America"
2. Current Events
3. Questionnaire, to be answered by members, on:
   a. The World Court
   b. The Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment
   c. The Maternity and Infancy Act
4. Arguments for the Child Labor Amendment, to be given by a winner of a County High School Discussion League.

### DECEMBER

1. Song
2. Current Events
3. A short talk on the trend of public opinion on the League's three major measures
4. A talk on the city manager forms of government
   a. The short ballot
   b. The merit system (Civil Service)
   c. Results in other states
4. Discussion
5. Short reports on the county administration of:
   a. School Attendance Work
   b. Probation Work
   c. Boards of Children's Guardians
   d. Maternity and Infancy Act

### JANUARY

1. Song
2. Current Events
   a. What happened at the World Court hearing on Dec. 17?
3. A talk on Indiana's four pending constitutional amendments, by a qualified local attorney
4. Discussion
5. A talk on the county as the unit for educational administration
   a. Taxation
   b. School attendance
   c. Teacher supervision
   d. Buildings and supplies
6. Discussion

### FEBRUARY

1. Song
2. Current Events
   a. Action by Congress on the Maternity and Infancy Act and the Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment
3. Debate: Sterilization of the Unfit in our Institutions
   a. Based on the Holmes Bill of 1925
4. Discussion
5. Report of the institutional situation in Indiana

### MARCH

1. Song
2. Current Events
3. A talk on Indiana's problem of women in industry
   a. Do we need more legislation for protection
   b. What is the relation of the women's division of the state Industrial Board to this problem
4. Discussion
5. Presentation and consideration of the legislative recommendations submitted by the state standing committee chairmen. Presented by the local standing committee chairmen. Instruction to delegates to the State Convention.

### APRIL

1. Song
2. Current Events
3. Reports of the State Convention
4. A talk on the Co-operative Market Law
   a. How it is working
   b. Is it benefitting the producer and the consumer

### MAY

1. Song
2. Current Events
3. Report of the National Convention
4. Unfinished business of the year.

### GENERAL LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

There are certain league activities which should be considered a regular part of each local league's program and should be undertaken at a convenient time as early in the league year as possible.

**Finance and Membership Drives** to raise the quotas for the state and national leagues. These should be done as early in the league year as possible to leave the rest of the year free for work.

**First Voters Birthday Parties** for new voters before the fall elections.

**Citizenship Schools** on local elections, should come the last of September and during October.

**Fourth Annual Citizenship School at Purdue University,** should be attended by members from over the state.

**Mass Meetings on the World Court** should be held during November and up until December 17—World Court Day.

**District Conferences** should be held before the State Convention.

**Conventions.** The National Convention will be in St. Louis, April 14 to 21. The State Convention will be held during April, also.

ARE A SOUND INVESTMENT

# *News of the Branch Leagues*

Weekly evening porch parties have been one of the interesting summer activities of the Terre Haute League. While interest has centered about the duties of officers to be elected in the fall elections, time has also been devoted to the World Court and the Wadsworth Amendment. The Terre Haute League is particularly interested in the election of a woman school board member to succeed Mrs. White, whose term expires in January.

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The South Bend League has undertaken to provide St. Joseph County with women jurors. There has never been a woman empaneled in any of the county courts and the League wishes to have qualified women drawn during the coming winter. The reports from Indiana counties that have had women jurors have been a great help in this work.

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Mrs. Ross Winship was elected president of the Valparaiso League at the July meeting. Each member was given one dollar to be worked during the summer and returned with increase in the fall. Good Citizenship Bonds were also sold.

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Plans for a community citizenship school are keeping the Elkhart League busy during August. On October 5 the school will open with a luncheon. Speakers of national fame will be on the program, which will cover several days. The League hopes to be able to offer the course free to everyone.

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The Hagerstown League held a picnic at Teetor's Grounds on July 29. The meeting was a guest affair.

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The Bloomington League held its June meeting at the City Library. Plans for the fall meetings were discussed. Mrs. E. D. Farmer was appointed chairman of the Efficiency In Government department and Mrs. J. E. Switzer chairman of the committee on education. Chairmen for the other committees will be announced later.

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The August meeting of the Delphi League was held at the home of the new president, Mrs. James Wason.

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Mrs. Thelma Irvin, attendance officer, and Mrs. Mate Dailey, probation officer, were speakers at the joint meeting of the Bluffton League and the Federated Clubs in July. Election of officers also took place at this time. Mrs. F. J. Longdon, president; Mrs. George Redd, secretary; Mrs. Arch Cook, treasurer.

The Union Township League held its July meeting at the home of Mrs. Nellie Schroer. The new president, Miss Minnie McDonald, was one of the principal speakers.

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The new and old members of the board of the Michigan City League were guests of Mrs. H. R. Misener at an informal luncheon. Miss Hand, state executive secretary, spoke informally on the three major measures which the League is working for at this time. Suggestions were made for the formation of study groups under the leadership of the local standing committee chairmen.

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Mrs. William Herr and Mrs. Arthur Langley were hostesses for the July meeting of the Stroh League. A number of visitors were present, among them a group of local young girls home for vacation, who gave an interesting musical program.

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The Portland League and the W. C. T. U. held a joint meeting and picnic and meeting the last of July.

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At the July meeting of the Newburgh League, the bulletin of the State Probation Department was read and discussed. Interesting current events also were presented. The League offered "The Acquital" at the Princess Theatre the last of July.

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Dr. Henry N. Sherwood, state superintendent of public instruction, spoke at the July meeting of the State Board of Directors. Dr. Sherwood told of the success of the conferences on rural education which are being held in different parts of the state this summer. The state League has been cooperating with the state department of public instruction in promoting these conferences. Mrs. B. B. White has been appointed League representative on the committee on rural education of the state department of public instruction.

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## AGAIN--ELECTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Citizen, are you ready to vote at the November elections? On November 3 the most important of all elections will be held—the election of city and town officials. The men and women elected this fall will make and enforce the laws for YOUR home town, and it will be under their administration that YOU and YOUR family will live during the coming four years.

### CITY ELECTIONS

(A city is legally defined as that community having a population of **approximately 2,500** or more.)

All cities will elect the mayor, city clerk and councilmen, who shall perform the following duties:

**The Mayor** who is chief executive officer of the city with the power to veto ordinances passed by the city or common council. He acts as the head of all city departments and appoints the members of the following boards:

**The Board of Works,** that has exclusive control of real estate and personal property of the city, and makes assessments for the upkeep of streets and alleys.

**The Board of Safety,** that has general control over the fire and police departments.

**The Board of Health,** that has charge of the public health, hospitals and sanitation.

**The Board of Park Commissioners,** that manages the parks, boulevards and playgrounds.

**The City Clerk** who acts as clerk of the council, keeps the records of the council's proceedings and all other records and papers, including the ordinance book.

**The Common Council** is the legislative power of the city. It passes all ordinances, resolutions and orders for the government of the city; fixes the tax levy; makes all appropriations; approves the granting of franchises; and fixes the salaries of many city officers. One member of the council is elected from each ward and from two to six members are elected at large.

With the following exceptions, city judges and city treasurers will be elected this fall:

**The City Judge** shall be elected in cities of the 2nd class. In cities of the 3rd and 4th classes, no city judge shall be elected unless such office is established by the common council, but the mayor shall serve as city judge. In cities of the 5th class the mayor shall act as city judge.

The city judge has exclusive jurisdiction over all violations of city ordinances, and those state laws where the fine does not exceed $500.00 and 180 days imprisonment.

**The City Treasurer.** In cities of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th classes, **not** county seats, and in every city of the 4th and 5th classes that **is** a county seat, and owning water or light public utilities, there shall be elected a city treasurer. In cities of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes which are also county seats, the county treasurer shall act as the city treasurer.

**The School Commissioners** are elected in Indianapolis and Terre Haute. In all other places in the state either the mayor or the city council **appoint** the commissioners. The school commissioners make **their own tax levy,** disbursements and bond issues for buildings, subject to the approval and supervision of the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

### TOWN ELECTIONS

(A town is legally defined as a village which has been incorporated according to the laws of Indiana, with an approximate population of **2,500 or less.)**

The elective officers of a town are the board of town trustees, the clerk and the treasurer.

**The Board of Town Trustees** consists of one trustee from each ward. The board has general control of the town. The board appoints the town marshal, the board of school trustees, the town board of health and the school physicians and serves as the town board of finance.

**The Clerk and the Treasurer** are elected for terms of **two** years, and the offices may be held by one person.

Don't wait until you go to the polls to learn how to mark your ballot. Practice early and often on sample ballots.

When you go into the election booth, know for whom you intend to vote and know how to vote so your ballot will not be mutilated and thrown out.

The candidates for office in your community have a right to expect your intelligent consideration of their platforms and qualifications as well as your actual vote.

(This article and these "Election Do's and Don'ts" have been approved by Mr. Charles Kettleborough, director of the Indiana Legislative Reference Bureau.)

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## CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS

A most significant development in the educational program of the League has been the growing popularity of the Citizenship Schools. Purdue University, cooperating with the Lafayette League of Women Voters, is planning to hold the fourth annual Citizenship School, November 19-20. These schools have grown steadily in attendance and interest since the initial effort. Dr. Theodore Moran, who with Mrs. Thomas Arthur Stuart, has planned the programs of the schools, has been especially pleased with the increasing number of women who have come from distant communities for the two days sessions. Miss Alice Hunt, vice president of the Rhode Island League of Women Voters, is to be the principal speaker.

Miss Hunt is scheduled to speak in Evansville, and Bloomington also while in the State. Other tentative dates are being arranged. Evansville is planning to hold a one-day Citizenship School on local elections the latter part of October.

The various women's organizations of Elkhart are cooperating with Mrs. J. J. Littrell, chairman of the political department of the League in a Joint Citizenship School, to be held October 5-9. Mrs. G. M. Ransom of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the feature speaker the first two days of the school. The other speakers include Dr. Amos S. Hershey, Miss Lillian Gay Berry and Dr. Earnest Linton of Indiana University.

The interesting program of the South Bend League includes the third annual Citizenship School. In November the Maternity and Infant Welfare bill, discussed by Miss Lulu Cline, the World Court, given by Mrs. W. E. Miller, and the Wadsworth Garrett Amendment, discussed by Mr. Andrew Hickey will be included in the program. In February Mrs. B. B. White, Mrs. Mary Garner and Father William Bolger are on the program.

Other Leagues in the state are planning Citizenship Schools which will be held later in the year.

## THE WORLD COURT

The World Court is universally regarded as the first step toward permanent security and peace. On December 17th, the World Court will be acted upon by the Senate. Let your Senator *know* how you feel about it. The names and addresses of our Indiana Senators are: Senator James Watson, Columbia Club, Indianapolis; and Senator Samuel M. Ralston, Fletcher American Bank Building, Indianapolis.

The following World Court material for study and for League programs is available at headquarters:

*Information Bulletins* Nos. 1-7 inclusive, from the Continuing Committee of the Conference on the Causes and Cures of War, distributed by the National League of Women Voters, 35c for the series.

Three brief articles prepared by the Minnesota League, 10c for the series.

*Every Day Questions about Security and Disarmament,* 3c.

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## LEAGUE RIDDLES

It has come to pass that Cross Word puzzles are too easily solved by the super intellects of the members of the League, and a new diversion must be found. Perhaps League Riddles will fill the want. From time to time, a series of questions will be printed in the Voter on topics of general interest. Do you know the answers?

1. Why do the nations of the world need a World Court?
2. What is the relationship between the World Court and the Hague Court of Arbitration?
3. What is the difference in the function of the League of Nations and the World Court? What is their connection?
4. Name the five proposed reservations under which the United States may become a member of the Court.
5. What Americans have aided and promoted the establishment of a World Court?

## THE HEALTH FOOD SHOW

Dr. E. V. McCollum, an international authority on nutritional subjects and eminent professor of John Hopkins University, will have charge of a health food show to be held in Indianapolis in connection with the National Dairy Exposition, October 10th to 17th, in the Horticultural and Agricultural building at the State Fair Grounds. Dr. McCollum through research in biochemistry discovered Vitamin D, the food element that promotes proper bone growth and prevents rickets, a disease of early childhood.

The Health Food Show, the first of its kind in the United States, will display nutrition foods that through scientific experiments have been found essential to the human diet.

## AT STATE HEADQUARTERS

Mrs. William G. Hibbard, fourth regional director, Miss Florence Harrison, fourth regional secretary, and Mrs. B. B. White, president, were in Indianapolis for a few days during the week of October 5 for an organization conference. While here, they were the guests of the Indianapolis League at their monthly meeting.

Miss Harrison, who succeeds Mrs. Rittenhouse as regional secretary, is a speaker and organizer of ability. She has been secretary of the second region, and has just come from Minneapolis where she has been secretary for the past year.

## INDIANA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### OFFICERS

Mrs. B. B. White, Terre Haute, president.

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Mrs. J. E. Neff, South Bend, 3rd vice president.

Miss Emma May, Terre Haute, 4th vice president.

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Mrs. Thomas Henry Mullins, Fort Wayne, treasurer.

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### DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

Mrs. H. R. Misener, Organization; Mrs. Mary Gallahan Kolb, Peru, Membership; Mrs. J. E. Neff, Speakers Bureau; Miss Sara Lauter, Finance; Mrs. Walter Greenough, Woman Voter; Miss Helen Rogers Hand, executive secretary; Miss Helen Courtenay, publicity director.

# *News of the Branch Leagues*

Mrs. B. B. White, state president, was the principal speaker of the Delphi League, talking on the World Court. Miss Sara Lauter, state finance chairman, spoke on League finances, and Miss Helen Rogers Hand, state executive secretary, told briefly of the important measures upon which the League would concentrate this fall. Mrs. James P. Wason, newly elected president, presided at the luncheon, Mrs. William Frazier sang a group of songs, and Mrs. A. C. Clauser, program chairman, presented the year's program for the League's approval.

Mrs. Luther Hammitt was the hostess for the opening meeting of the Portland League. Judge J. J. Moran spoke on the "World Court," which was followed by discussion. Current events and music were also a part of the program.

President's Day was observed by the Vincennes League on September 8. Mrs. W. A. Cullop talked on the "Budget System" after a short business session. Musical numbers and a social hour followed.

The Newburgh League began its study of the Declaration of Independence at its September meetings. Mrs. E. M. Raleigh, president, read the "Star Spangled Banner" in observance of the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of its writing. The Maternity and Infancy Act and the Child Labor Law were discussed.

The Fairview Township League held its opening meeting with Miss Nannie McCrory of Glenwood, September 18. Plans for the year were discussed.

Miss Minnie McDonald, president of the Union Township League, led the discussion on the Monroe Doctrine at the August meeting of the League. Committee appointments were announced also.

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The Board of Directors of the Evansville League held a luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. O. R. Webb, president. Tentative plans for the winter's work were outlined. The opening meeting of the Evansville League was held September 14th at the new Y. W. C. A. A number of guests were present at the luncheon. Committee chairmen were appointed, and the year's activities discussed.

The Chain-O'-Lakes Country Club was the scene of an attractive tea which opened the South Bend League's activities. Over a hundred and fifty guests were present to enjoy the program of music and feature dancing. Mrs. C. A. Carlisle, honorary president, Mrs. L. S. Fickenscher, president and the vice-presidents of the League received the guests.

The Terre Haute League celebrated the anniversary of the granting of suffrage with a real birthday party, including a five-layer birthday cake and candles. Miss Rose Cox presided at the informal program. Mrs. B. B. White, state president, Miss Emma May, 4th vice president of the State League, Mrs. F. H. Nosler, local president, were among those on the program.

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## CHICAGO CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL

The second annual citizenship school of the University of Chicago, cooperating with the Illinois League of Women Voters, will be held at the University October 13 to 16 inclusive. Mrs. William G. Hibbard, fourth regional director, has sent a special invitation to Indiana League members to attend. Professor Charles E. Merriam, head of the political science department, Professor L. E. White, Professor Ernst Freund, Professor S. B. Breckenridge and Professor Ferdinand Schevill are scheduled to lecture and conduct round table discussions. Another interesting feature of the program is the announcement that several heads of departments of the state of Illinois will lecture and with specially prepared exhibits show how their departments function. The annual convention of the Federation of Clubs will be held in Hammond on October 13, 14 and 15. Those attending can easily get into Chicago for the last day of the citizenship school. A small registration fee will be charged.

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## OUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

*ON TO ST. LOUIS!*

The Indiana League of Women Voters has a golden opportunity this year, and it is none too early to begin to plan to take advantage of this opportunity. For the first time since 1920, the national convention of the organization will be near Indiana, and it probably will be the only time for several years to come that the Indiana delegation will have the chance to attend a nation convention so conveniently and so inexpensively. The far West and the far East will have to be recognized before the middle West has another convention, and if these conventions become biennial, a possibility in the minds of many of the leaders, it necessarily will be years before Indiana will be near the convention state. Many Leagues are taking as their slogan, "On to St. Louis—April 14-21," and are planning to send official delegates from their membership. Plans are being perfected now whereby college leagues can send official delegates for part of the time at least.

No one who has attended a convention of the national league can fail to be impressed with the remarkable growth of the young organization, with the brilliant leaders among women who are devoting their lives to league work, nor can they fail to receive new inspiration and insight into the essential worth of the program of work and study outlined. If only one woman from every league in the state could go, the enthusiasm and insight which she would receive, would greatly strengthen the work of her league the following year. It is with reluctance that we are compelled to admit in Indiana that we have had small but very select delegations for the past three years, and it is with greater reluctance that we must admit that our work has suffered from lack of contact with the steadily developing strength of the national organization.

Now we have the golden opportunity to change this condition. A great many of us can go if we begin to plan for it in November. It is a two fold opportunity. Not only will our Indiana League profit greatly by a large delegation, but our Indiana League also will be able to demonstrate to the National League that we are a growing and a brilliant organization.

LILLIAN J. WHITE, President.

## MRS. RICHARD E. EDWARDS

The resignation of Mrs. Richard E. Edwards from the board of directors of the Indiana League, tendered because of the removal of the family to Rochester, N. Y., has been reluctantly and regretfully accepted. For years, the force and inspiration of the work of Mrs. Edwards has been a great asset to the state of Indiana as well as to the organization with which she was most closely connected,—the League of Women Voters. Before the 19th amendment successfully ended the long fight for woman suffrage, Mrs. Edwards was president of the Franchise League, 1917-18, in the state and built up a strong and remarkable organization. When the League of Women Voters was organized, Mrs. Edwards became a national figure in the work, holding the offices of national treasurer and first vice-president. She was organization chairman for the national organization also, had charge of publications, was general chairman for the remarkably successful convention held in Baltimore, and managed the speaker's bureau. Ill health, caused by over work, finally compelled Mrs. Edwards to relinquish the national work and to close the busy office at Peru, Indiana, from which hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature had been sent throughout the United States, a vast amount of the national organization work carried on, and speakers routed from coast to coast.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors at the October Meeting:

Whereas: Mrs. Richard E. Edwards, a director of the Indiana League of Women Voters continuously during the six years of the existence of the organization and treasurer and first vice-president of the National League of Women Voters, is removing to Rochester, New York, for permanent residence,—the board of directors of the Indiana League today very regretfully accepts the resignation and resolves to express deep regret at the loss of the leadership of Mrs. Edwards, appreciation for her creative and intellectual contribution to the work of the League and personal sorrow at the loss of the inspiration and stimulation of her personality.

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## PURDUE CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL

For four consecutive years, Purdue University has cooperated with the Tippecanoe County League of Women Voters in conducting a two day Citizenship School. "At this time, we know of no other state that can boast so fine a record," was the statement made by Mrs. Thomas Arthur Stuart, president of the Tippecanoe County League. The school will be held at the Home Economics Building, November 18th and 19th, at Lafayette. The state board will again hold its November meeting during the school, in order to give its members the advantage of the fine program prepared by those in charge. This program will include

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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| Morning | Cost of Living in General<br>Cooperation and the cost of Living |
| Afternoon | America and China<br>Locarno—before and after<br>(State board meeting, 4:30) |

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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| Morning | Population and Immigration<br>Education and the quality of population |
| Afternoon | Amending the Federal Constitution<br>Why renew the Maternity and Infancy Act? |
| Evening | Mass Meeting "The World Court," Miss Alice Hunt, Rhode Island. |

## THE WOMAN CITIZEN

A drive to secure subscriptions for the Woman Citizen from November 15 to December 15 has been launched with the appointment of Miss Emma May, Terre Haute, as chairman. Prizes have been offered by the Woman Citizen Corporation, 171 Madison Ave., New York City, for new subscriptions and renewals. Anyone who has ever subscribed for the Woman Citizen does not need to be told of the great value of the publication. Subscriptions should be sent directly to Miss Emma May, 23 N. 7th St., Terre Haute, Indiana.

## THE WORLD COURT

The work to create an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the entrance of the United States into the Permanent Court of International Justice is progressing in Indiana. Many cities are planning mass meetings before December 17th, and the citizens daily are growing more interested and more informed on the subject.

The World Court exhibit, a clever and graphic poster on heavy cardboard, designed for use by study groups, luncheon clubs, libraries and other meetings, has been secured and will be rented to the Leagues in the state for a nominal sum. Additional material of interest on the subject has been received from the New York League of Women Voters, "The World Court Pamphlet" 10c each and "The World Court Poster" illustrated with three cuts and a color map of the member countries, 10c each. These can be secured by writing to state headquarters.

A drive to secure resolutions in favor of the World Court by a great many different organizations has been launched. In every community, it has been suggested, effort should be made to secure the passage of such resolutions by all the influential organizations. Copies should be sent to the senators from Indiana, Senator James E. Watson, Columbia Club, and Senator Arthur R. Robinson, 601 Indiana Trust Building, Indianapolis, to the local press, and to the chairman of the committee on International Cooperation to Prevent War for Indiana, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Muncie.

The following resolution is merely given as a suggestion.

Whereas: The question of the entrance of the United States into the Permanent Court of International Justice has been before the citizens of the country for several years, and has been endorsed by both of the major political parties and by an overwhelming number of organizations.
Whereas: The National League of Women Voters and these political parties and organizations are working actively for entrance into the Court with the reservations known as the "Harding-Hughes-Coolidge reservations" and with no other reservations.

Whereas: Ample time has been given for the wise consideration of this vital question.

Therefore be it resolved: That (the organization) go on record as favoring entrance into the Permanent Court of International Justice, and urgently request the senators from Indiana not only to vote for the measure but to see to it that there are no more delays in its consideration. Furthermore be it resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to the senators from Indiana and to the local press.

## LEAGUE RIDDLES

1. How many nations are members of the World Court?
2. How are the judges of the Court nominated? How elected?
3. How many judges are there? For how long are they elected and what is their salary?
4. Is the jurisdiction of the Court compulsory?
5. How many decisions have been given?

## FIRST DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Lulu Halvorsen, Evansville, has accepted the chairmanship for the first district. She has been first district chairman in the past and is thoroughly familiar with the work. When ill health made it necessary for her resign, the resignation was accepted with regret and it is with sincere pleasure that those familiar with the quality of her work, welcome her return to active work.

**STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC. REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, OF THE WOMAN VOTER, PUBLISHED MONTHLY EXCEPT AUGUST AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FOR OCTOBER 1, 1925.**

State of Indiana, County of Marion, SS.:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Mrs. B. B. White, President, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the publisher of the Woman Voter and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in Section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse side of this form, to-wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:

Publisher, Indiana League of Women Voters, 1410 Spink Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, Mrs. B. B. White, President, 810 S. Center St., Terre Haute, Ind.; Editor, Mrs. Walter S. Greenough, 556 East Fall Creek Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana.

2. That the owner is: (If the publication is owned by an individual his name and address, or if owned by more than one individual the name and address of each should be given below; if the publication is owned by a corporation the name of the corporation and the names and addresses of the stockholders owning or holding one per cent or more of the total amount of stock should be given.) Indiana League of Women Voters, Mrs. B. B. White, President, 810 South Center St., Terre Haute, Ind; Mrs Walter S. Greenough, Secretary, 556 East Fall Creek Blvd., Indianapolis, Indiana.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities are: (If there are none, so state) None.

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INDIANA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS,
Mrs. B. B. White, President

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of September, 1925.
HELEN W. HAHLEY,
(SEAL) Notary Public.
My commission expires January 11, 1926.

## FINANCE

At the state convention of the Indiana League, your delegates accepted the quotas assigned to the districts. These district quotas have since been sent to every board member, district chairmen, local president, and local finance chairmen whose names have been sent to the state finance chairman.

The directors of the state league at the last board meeting decided that every league member would be interested in knowing the financial status of the organization. It will be impossible to list each bond sale, but the total amount, both in bonds and dues, received from each League is listed below.

Miss Sara Lauter, finance chairman
Mrs. Thomas Henry Mullins, treasurer
Miss Helen Rogers Hand, executive secretary.

**DISTRICT 1**

Evansville, bonds, $52.00; Newburgh: bonds, $25.00; Princeton, dues, $ .50. Total, $77.50.

**DISTRICT 2**

Bloomington, dues, $1.00; bonds, $20.00; Vincennes, dues, $2.50, bonds $50.00. Total, $73.50.

**DISTRICT 3**

Jasper, dues, $5.75; At Large, bonds, $100.00. Total, $105.75.

**DISTRICT 4**

At Large, dues, $3.16, bonds, $5.00. Total, $8.16.

**DISTRICT 5**

Terre Haute, dues, $11.75, bonds, $165.00. Total, $176.75

**DISTRICT 6**

Hagerstown, bonds, $50.00; Shelbyville, bonds, $10.00; At Large, dues, $1.00. Total, $61.00.

**DISTRICT 7**

Indianapolis, bonds, $187.00. **Total, $187.00.**

**DISTRICT 8**

Bluffton, dues, $6.50; Anderson, bonds, $10.00; At Large, bonds, $10.00. Total, $26.50

**DISTRICT 9**

Delphi, dues, $1.75; Frankfort, bonds, $10.00; At Large, dues, $4.25. Total, $16.00.

**DISTRICT 10**

Jasper County, dues, $3.75, bonds, $60.00; Tippecanoe County, dues, $11.25, bonds, $45.00; Valparaiso, bonds, $40.00. Total, $160.00.

**DISTRICT 11**

Peru, dues, $14.70, bonds, $30.00. Total, $44.70.

**DISTRICT 12**

Stroh, dues, $4.00; Ft. Wayne, bonds, $20.00; At Large, dues, $7.02, bonds, $37.50. Total, $68.52.

**DISTRICT 13**

Elkhart, bonds, $100.00; Michigan City, bonds, $50.00; South Bend, dues, $21.00, bonds, $10.00. Total, $181.00.

Total amount of dues, $99.88; bonds, $1.086.50; $1,186.38.

# News of the Branch Leagues

Mrs. John Holsapple was hostess for the October meeting of the Portland League. Mrs. Wheeler Ashcraft, president, presided, and Mrs. Gertrude Fulton talked on the Wadsworth-Garrett proposals for amending the Federal Constitution, which was followed by general discussion.

The Brookville League began their year's work with an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. H. H. Rose of Fairfield. A discussion of the program for the year and election of officers took place. Mrs. Hermena Klipple was elected president; Mrs. Earl Baker, vice-president; Mrs. George E. Dennett, secretary and Mrs. Rollie Cleaver, treasurer.

Miss Anna O'Flynn spoke on "Child Welfare" at the October meeting of the Vincennes League. Mrs. Anna Mitchell, Miss Lillian Crowley and Mrs. James Lewis were hostesses for the meeting.

The October meeting of the Newburgh League was held at the library. The three major measures for which the League is working were outlined: The World Court, the Maternity and Infancy Act and the defeat of the Wadsworth-Garrett proposals.

Mrs. L. L. Kolb, president, presided at the opening meeting of the Peru League. Mrs. Walter S. Greenough was the speaker of the evening, talking on "Why Women should be interested in the Politics of 1925." Hal. C. Phelps, city attorney, discussed the proposed increase in telephone rates. A resolution was voted that the Peru League oppose the proposed increase and co-operate with other city ogranizations.

Mrs. A. R. Burton, newly elected president of the Princeton League, presided at the October meeting. Mr. J. T. Ballard spoke on the Wadsworth-Garrett proposals for amending the Constitution, and Mrs. R. S. Munford gave "Current Events."

At the October meeting of the Union Township League, Miss Minnie McDonald, president, discussed the Wadsworth-Garrett proposals and the need for renewing the Maternity and Infancy Act. Mrs. Effie Webb was hostess.

The Shelbyville League held its first meeting of the year on October 29. The playette "Who Defeated Doogan" was given, after which the candidates for local offices were presented. The three measures in which the League is immediately interested—the entrance into the World Court, re-enactment of the Maternity and Infancy Act and the defeat of the Wadsworth-Garrett proposals for amending the Federal Constitution—will be the study subjects for the next few months.

Senator W. F. Hodges of Gary, spoke on the "History of the Constitution" at the October meeting of the Valparaiso League. Mrs. Effie Earle outlined the duties of the officers to be elected on November 3, Mrs. J. W. LaRue told the difference between 4th and 5th class cities, and Mrs. Ruess reported favorable progress of the Skating Rink Committee in securing rinks for this winter.

Miss Amanda McCombs was hostess for the first regular luncheon of the South Bend League. Mrs. J. O. Plante lead the discussion on "State Registration Laws."

"Who are the Producers" was the subject of the lecture by W. E. Paulson of Purdue University at the opening luncheon of the Tippecanoe County League. Mrs. T. A. Stuart, president, presided.

Prof. Loyal Hoshaw spoke on "Proposed Methods of Amending the Constitution" and Mrs. T. J. Armstrong on "Three Years of the Maternity and Infancy Act," at the October meeting of the Delphi League.

The two women candidates picked by the Terre Haute League to run for the school board, were the special guests at a dinner meeting on October 12. Special speakers were, Miss Margaret Vaughan who spoke on "Good Citizenship from the Standpoint of a Girl" and Mrs. Virginia Acher who talked on "Good Citizenship."

John W. Spencer, Jr., talked on the "Maternity and Infancy Act" at the October meeting of the Evansville League. At the meeting of the Board it was decided to have Miss Alice Hunt of Providence, R. I., speak on the "World Court" in November.

Prof. Thomas H. Reed of Michigan University was the speaker at the October meeting of the Michigan City League. His talk was "Common Honesty in Government." He led the discussion afterward on the Wadsworth-Garrett proposals for amending the Federal Constitution.

Mrs. J. E. Neill was hostess for the October meeting of the Bloomington League. Prof. H. E. Willis of Indiana University spoke on "The Constitution and some recently proposed Amendments." Mrs. J. B. Dutcher, chairman of the membership committee, reported the plans for the membership drive.

The Marion Township League held its opening meeting on October 27. "The World Court" and "City Taxes" were the two principal topics for the evening, and were both followed by discussion.

The Stroh League held its October meeting with Mrs. L. E. Palmer. The three major measures for which the League is working this fall were discussed. Street signs and lighting were the local topics for discussion.

Mrs. W. G. Hibbard, 4th regional director, Miss Florence Harrison, 4th regional secretary, and Mrs. B. B. White, state president, were the special guests of the Indianapolis League Board at the luncheon meeting which was held with the president, Mrs. Edna Christian, at the October board meeting.

After its very successful five-day citizenship school, the Elkhart League has begun its regular work for the year. Miss Inez Hepler, supervisor, gave the monthly report for the League's Child Welfare Center.

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## RURAL EDUCATION

**DR. HENRY NOBLE SHERWOOD, State Superintendent of Public Instruction**

There is no single unit of school administration which will insure equalization of educational opportunity for all children. If we are to insure equal opportunity for all the children of our commonwealth, we must have a composite unit of school administration.

For some purposes, the township might continue for our unit of school administration. For other purposes, the county should be the unit. The state well serves as a unit for the adoption of textbooks, arranging the curricula and courses of study, the licensing of teachers and the fixing of educational standards. The nation should be the unit in certain lines of administration, such as immigration as it affects education, gathering statistics and carrying on research work.

I have no grievance against the township trustees. With few exceptions, they are a group of men interested in our boys and girls, striving to provide proper educational facilities for our children. In the main we are working toward the same end, namely, equal educational opportunity for all children. They did not make our present school system. It dates since 1852. It was ushered in after a long and bitter discussion. It displaced the district system. The experience of seventy-five years, however, has shown us that we must make modifications of it.

On the other hand, I have not any scheme or system to propose. I am not so much concerned over what unit is used as I am concerned over the results to be obtained from its use. I am interested in children. I want to see them grow into good citizens. The system of school administration that will make possible the highest types of citizenship for her boys and girls is the best system and the one which this department will sponsor.

As to the township, I am of the opinion that in the interest of educational advancement and efficiency, the township lines should be ignored for taxation for school purposes, for school attendance and for school supervision. This does not mean the abolishment of the township trustee's office; it does not take away local control. It does, however, insure a more equal educational opportunity for the children of our state.

In a certain county there are taxables to the extent of $14,000 behind every school child in a certain township, while in an adjoining township there is behind every school child only $6,760. In the first township there is a railroad. This road is fed by the two townships, but the taxes it pays all go to the one township, thus creating an inequality in the amount of school money behind each child. This is only one of many such instances. The presence of a pipe line or industrial establishment often creates a similar situation. By ignoring the township line, in these instances, all pupils in the county would have an equal amount of educational capital behind them.

The abolishment of township lines for purposes of school taxation would make a very small change in the administration of our present system and would not abolish the office of township trustee. In fact, such a plan would remove many of the problems perplexing alike to township trustees and school executives.

The arbitrary township line causes hundreds of problems in school attendance yearly. I believe that every boy and girl in rural communities should be permitted to attend the school most convenient to them, provided they can get the courses they need. Almost daily during the school year many letters come to the State Superintendent's office from parents whose children are being forced to attend a school three, four or five miles away from home whereas, were it not for the township lines, they would be able to attend school within a short distance from home.

The issuance of transfers has met this problem to a certain extent but this involves an endless amount of work on the part of the trustees and has not entirely answered the problems. In 1923-24 tuition paid by transfers amounted to $1,921,000. This shows that the township system is breaking down. It does not meet the needs of the rural boys and girls. Why shouldn't our rural children be allowed to attend the school most conveniently located and most desirable? Why should township lines be retained to prevent such action?

In urban educational administration in Indiana there is decidedly more superior supervision than in the country. In the rural districts there is a supervisor for every fifty to two hundred and fifty teachers, depending upon the size of the county. These teachers are widely scattered and therefore present an additional burden to adequate supervision. Without any change in our present laws, the township line could be completely ignored in the employment of assistants to aid the county superintendent in supervising the work of the teachers.

Efficient school work can be done only under the proper supervision and it is impossible to expect the county superintendent to properly supervise all the teachers under his control. It is a physical impossibility. Our rural schools must have well trained supervisors if they are to keep pace with urban educational progress in Indiana.

Governor Jackson has taken a commendable stand in appointing a committee to make a thorough investigation into the status of rural education in Indiana. The members of the committee represent practically all the groups interested in rural education and the findings of the committee will not be from the standpoint of any one group but will be an actual statement of conditions found in the rural schools of this state.

The committee has already started its work. It hopes to be able to make its report to the Governor and to the people of Indiana just as soon as the facts can be obtained. However, haste will not stand in the way of thoroughness in the work of the committee and a report will not be made until all phases of rural education have been fairly considered.

The State Department of Public Instruction stands ready to accept any plan which will insure the equalization of educational opportunity for our rural boys and girls. The Department does not seek more control over local school systems but it stands on a platform of economic and efficient rural education for the state of Indiana. It believes rural boys and girls should have as good opportunities for developing their talents as the urban boys and girls. It seeks that school system which places as its first consideration the welfare of the children of our great state.

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## CHRISTMAS BONDS

At this season of the year, every League should become a super-power broadcasting station and tell the world how thankful it is for the state and national organization of the League of Women Voters.

Do you really believe in the slogan—"Every citizen an informed voter?" Do you truly think that your league is as essential to your government in peace time as the Red Cross is in war time? If you do, then broadcast that faith by selling the Good Citizenship bonds and sending in your quota to state headquarters to carry on the work.

This is not an impossibility—not even a grievous burden—it is as easy as your feeling of responsibility to the league is strong.

There are many ways of raising money, known to the women of the state, but these methods fail to bring the dignity to your cause and to yourselves as a straight heart-to-heart bond sale carries. Any true minded citizen with the welfare of our government at heart will be glad to have a share in the League's work, if the League member herself is sufficiently sold to the idea and presents the cause in a manner which begets respect and co-operation. This is the ideal way to raise that assigned quota, without which the state's work is crippled by just that amount.

But let there be no static here. Work by whatever method you can, in any way you wish, BUT broadcast soon, clear and strong—"Here is our Quota!"

ZEOLA MISENER,
President of the Michigan City League.

Michigan City has sold more bonds than any other league, besides paying its dues.

The sympathy of the entire organization of the Indiana League of Women Voters is extended to Mrs. William Henry Parkinson in her recent bereavement. Mr. Parkison, who died on November 24, had made for himself an enviable reputation as an able jurist not only in Jasper County, where the larger part of his life was spent, but through-out the district and state.

As tenth district chairman, Mrs. Parkison has served the League of Women Voters loyally and well, and the host of friends she has made in the organization feel deeply and sympathetically with her in her bereavement.

## LEAGUE RIDDLES

League Riddles have changed the type of questions for this month. These questions you are personally to ask your own League conscience.

Have you written to the two senators from Indiana, urging their favorable consideration of the entrance of the United States into the World Court?

How many resolutions favoring the World Court have been passed by organizations in your community, and copies sent to the president of the nited States, to the Indiana senators and to the local press? Do you belong to an organization that should pass such a resolution and has not?

Do you know how many babies were saved last year in Indiana because of the Maternity and Infancy Act? How many mothers? How small the sum of money expended to secure these results? Have you told some one else about it, if you do know?

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## THE DISTRICT QUOTAS

A great deal has been said during the past two years about the district quotas—membership, national dues and bonds, which are the three divisions used. These quotas are based on the weath, population and the number and strength of the League within each district. In order that every League member may become familiar with the framework of the state finance plan, the district quotas are listed below.

District 1. 300 memberships at 25c, $75.00; Nat'l dues, $50.00; 50 bonds at $10.00, $500.00; total, $625.00.

District 2. 250 memberships at 25c, $62.50; Nat'l dues, $25.00; 20 bonds at $10.00, $200.00; total, $278.50

District 3. 150 memberships at 25c, $37.50; Nat'l dues, $25.00; 15 bonds at $10.00, $150.00; total $121.50.

District 4. 200 memberships at 25c, $50.00; Nat'l dues, $25.00; 20 bonds at $10.00, $200.00; total $275.00.

District 5. 300 memberships at 25c, $75.00; Nat'l dues, $25.00; 20 bonds at $10.00, $200.00; total, $300.00.

District 6. 400 memberships at 25c, $100.00; Nat'l dues, $50.00; 25 bonds at $10.00, $250.00; total, $400.00.

District 7. 600 memberships at 25c, $150.00; Nat'l dues, $50.00; 75 bonds at $10.00, $750.00; total, $950.00.

District 8. 250 memberships at 25c, $62.50; Nat'l dues, $50.00; 40 bonds at $10.00, $400.00; total, $512.50.

District 9. 250 memberships at 25c, $62.50; Nat'l dues, $25.00; 25 bonds at $10.00, $250.00; total, $337.50.

District 10. 600 memberships at 25c, $150.00; Nat'l dues, $50.00; 50 bonds at $10.00, $500.00; total, $700.00.

District 11. 350 memberships at 25c, $87.50; Nat'l dues, $25.00; 50 bonds at $10.00, $500.00; total, $612.50.

District 12. 500 memberships at 25c, $125.00; Nat'l dues, $50.00; 50 bonds at $10.00, $500.00; total, $675.00.

District 13. 900 memberships at 25c, $225.00; Nat'l dues, $50.00; 75 bonds at $10.00, $750.00; total, $1,025.00.

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## NEWS OF THE BRANCH LEAGUES

**Indianapolis.** Mr. Edward W. Evans of Philadelphia, spoke on the World Court" at the November meeting. Mrs. Frank Streightoff, chairman of the World Court study groups, reported a number of groups at work.

**Delphi.** Mrs. Frank Lyon spoke on "Woman and the Lobby" and Miss Elizabeth Best on "Is the American Woman too Paternalistic?" at the November meeting. Mrs. James Smock was hostess.

**Jasper.** Mrs. Robert E. Eckert was hostess for the November meeting. Election of officers took place. Mrs. C. O. Schoier was elected president; Mrs. Pearl Davis, vice-president; Mrs. Mae Kuebler, secretary; Miss Lillian Krodel, treasurer.

**Jasper County.** Mrs. George Stoudt, of Remington, first vice-president, was hostess for the fifth birthday party of the Jasper County League. Mrs. Ora T. Ross, county chairman, gave a short welcome; Miss Minnie McDonald, Union Township chairman, responded to "Five Years Old," Mrs. Walter S. Greenough, speaker of the afternoon, responded to "Going on Six" and Mrs. W. H. Parkinson, 10th district chairman, spoke a few words of congratulation.

**Miss Hand.** Miss Helen Rogers Hand, executive secretary of the State League, met with the Board of Directors of the Bloomington League on November 9, for a conference on League work and program. On November 11, Miss Hand spoke at the Armistice Day meeting of the Princeton League, and was the guest of the Board of Directors at luncheon, which was followed by a membership and program of work conference.

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# *News of the Branch Leagues*

**Frankfort.** "The World Court" playlet, written by Mrs. Paul J. Meifeld, was given at the guest meeting on November 2. The program of work for the year was presented to the members and guests.

**Valparaiso.** Professor Robert Phillips spoke on the "World Court" at the November meeting. The League had as their guests the Sphinx Club, the Tri Kappas, the Delta Theta Taus, and the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

**Bluffton.** Mrs. Alice Foster Mullins spoke before the joint meeting of the League and the County Federation on "How Club Women Can Help in Legislation."

**Portland.** Mrs. Gertrude Fulton spoke on the "Wadsworth-Garrett Proposals" at the November meeting. A general discussion of the achievements of the Maternity and Infancy Act followed. Five questions of historic interest were given and answered.

**Elkhart.** The Child Welfare department gave a card party November 19 for the benefit of the League's Baby Health Center. The Visual Education department presented Mrs. Melville F. Johnston who spoke on "American Art." Dr. H. H. Carter of the English department of Indiana University talked on the "Relation of Literature to the State" under the auspices of the Literature department. The Little Theater department presented the Alter Ego Little Theater players of Chicago, in four playets.

**South Bend.** Mrs. Winifred Mason Hauck spoke on "My Experience in Jail" before a joint meeting of the League, the Y. W. C. A. and the Federated Missionary Society on November 12. Mrs. A. P. Perley talked on "Child Welfare with the Dependent and Delinquent Children" at the November 4th meeting. Miss Lulu Cline, school nurse, spoke on the "Maternity and Infancy Act" at the afternoon session of the November 18th citizenship school. Judge W. E. Miller talked on "The World Court" and Congressman Andrew J. Hickey on the "Wadsworth Garrett Proposals" at the evening session.

**Evansville.** Mrs. Lulu Halvorsen spoke on the "Historical Background of the World Court" at the November meeting of the World Court study group.

**Miss Hunt.** Miss Alice W. Hunt, vice-president of the Rhode Island League, appeared before three Indiana audiences. At Evansville Miss Hunt spoke before the college and at a large mass meeting, under the auspices of the Evansville League. At Bloomington she spoke at the Convocation of Indiana University in the morning, and at a luncheon given in her honor by the Bloomington League. At Lafayette, Miss Hunt was the speaker for the mass meeting of the Purdue University Citizenship School and the Tippecanoe County League. Miss Hunt spoke on the World Court and on her second visit to Geneva.

**Peru.** David Rhodes and C. Y. Andrews discussed "City Government" at the November meeting. Mrs. F. W. Troutman and Mrs. John Bossard spoke briefly on the importance of voting.

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